

February 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As you will be aware from previous communications and the media, external examinations for the current Year 13 cohort are expected to go ahead as planned in the summer this year.

Government guidance that we should have contingency plans in place, should there be a need to cancel them, remains. Part of this guidance outlines the conditions under which assessments should take place as well as a proposed timetable for examining students in order to gather a broad and reliable range of evidence.

The guidance suggests a round of formal assessments in the first part of Year 13, which were already planned through the January mock examinations. The guidance also suggests two further rounds of testing to ensure that sufficient evidence is available to teachers should the exams be cancelled again.

In order to accommodate this expectation, Year 13 will be sitting a round of in-class assessments during the fortnight beginning 14th March. Students were notified about this prior to the half-term break and timetables will be issued in due course. Should summer examinations be cancelled, the outcomes of these assessments will be used to inform teacher assessed grades. A third round of assessments are scheduled to begin in May, however, these will only take place if the external exams are cancelled.

If summer examinations go ahead as planned, these assessments will still provide a very useful indication of what improvements have been made since January and where further work and support is needed ahead of the end of the course.

Assessments will mostly take place during the normal timetabled lesson slot and be based in the classroom. This means that students will not be on study leave and will be expected to attend lessons as normal when they do not have an assessment so that we can maximise learning time

Please reinforce with your son/daughter that the summer exams for 2022 are scheduled to go ahead as planned and it is absolutely vital that they continue to do all that they can to prepare for them. If we are instructed to use teacher assessed grades in the summer, only the evidence from the mock examinations/assessments completed in school will be used as a basis for them.

Recent adaptations announced by the examination boards for the 2022 examinations will be incorporated into these assessments and further information can be found on the relevant examination board page. The links to these and our most recent communication regarding this can be found on the website at the address below:

<https://chaseterraceacademy.co.uk/letters/year-11-13-summer-2022-examinations/>

Yours faithfully


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