



9th February 2022

Dear Student and Parents.

Hope this email finds you all well.

Students in both year 11 and 13 have received their statement of entries this week and once checked and reviewed, our examinations officer will move on to the next phase in the examination process. This includes arranging seating plans for the examinations and dealing with any clashes that have arisen from the examination boards timetables. Once completed Mrs Hardwick, the examinations officer, will send out individualised timetables for each student, this will then give the start times and venue for each examination that is to be sat in the summer.

I am sure that you are aware from the news that the Department for Education in conjunction with the Joint Council for Qualifications have announced the measures that are being in place to support students sitting examinations in the summer of 2022. The measures in place are varied and differ from examination board to examination board and indeed from subject to subject.

Some of the measures include the guidance that the grade boundaries are likely to be lower than in previous years. Examination boards in England have published advance information about what will appear in this year's GCSEs, AS and A-level examinations. Details of what will come up in examinations have been made available in most subjects, including maths, biology, chemistry and languages. But there will be no advance information for subjects assessed through coursework only, such as art and design. For English literature, geography, history and ancient history, there will be a greater choice of questions on the examination papers. Other adaptations include allowing students to use support materials in examinations - such as formulae sheets for maths.

Teachers here at Plymouth High will start sharing the detail of this information with students over the next few weeks, but students are also encouraged to be proactive and review the information for themselves. The guidance for each examination board and each subject area can be found by following on this link.

[Advance Information - JCQ Joint Council for Qualifications](#)

I will be in touch later on in the spring term to explain how we intend to support your child right up to the day of their examinations in each subject area, so that we



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can maximise the time they spend with subject specialists and ensure that the students are best placed to reach their full potential.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or queries. Your child's tutor, head of year or myself are all hand to support you and your child through the next few months as they prepare for the summer examinations.

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