



10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you regarding the timetable for the End of Year 12 Examinations.

The examinations will start after Easter on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April and will run for just over two weeks. Your child has received their timetable today (if they were present today).

Students will have one, two or three examinations on any given day, this will differ from student to student based on their option subjects. We are of course mindful that three examinations on one day increases the cognitive load being placed on students and although it is rare in the real public examinations, it is not unheard of for some students to have three A Level examinations in one day.

The A Level examinations that your child will sit in the summer of 2023, will be more spread out than the mock period that we are providing. We want to give the students the examination experience that matches as closely as possible the real examination experience, but do not want to lose an excessive amount of teaching time, hence the condensed nature of the year 12 examinations.

During these weeks which the examinations will take place, if students are not sitting an examination, they can either study at home, study in the library here at school or they can attend their normal timetabled lessons in which teachers will allow them to revise, providing revision material and guidance for their own subject as well as a quiet space to revise for other subjects where an examination is imminent. Unless students have an examination, they are expected to be back in lessons from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

All examinations will take place in the main hall, this alongside the gymnasium, are the two venues that we use for the public examinations. The examinations will be invigilated by our team of invigilators led by Mr Pearce, a familiar face to our students as one of our cover supervisors.

The examinations that the students will sit during this period have been put together by teachers using past paper examination questions or examination similar material and will be marked in line with examination board mark schemes and official grade boundaries will be applied to grade the papers. The questions used will focus on the content covered within each subject area to date and will cover the full range of grades available for that content.



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Staff will use the assessment outcomes to inform their predicted grades and to plan year 13 interventions where necessary so that all students are well placed in year 13, to make progress and be in the best possible position for the A Level Examinations in the summer of 2023.

Students will be given revision lists and materials, shared with them on TEAMS to help them prepare for these assessments after Easter. Students are encouraged to devise a revision timetable for themselves and to use the thinking tools that we have been introducing to the students, such as the thinking maps and keys, please see the information previously provided, to help them organise their notes, brainstorm their knowledge and to review work covered.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school, either your child's tutor or head of year Mr Jenkins, or myself Miss Roughton [D.Roughton@tsatrust.org.uk](mailto:D.Roughton@tsatrust.org.uk).

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

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