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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Advance Examination Information for Year 11 and 13 Students

We are writing to update you about the advance information recently published by exam boards which outlines the GCSE and A Level examinations for this summer.

What is advance information?

In light of the academic disruption to students' learning throughout the pandemic, exam boards have published 'advance information' to help guide and prioritise a students' effective revision. It will give students information on the focus of content of exams this summer for most subjects.

This advance information has been published, due to the academic disruption that students have had throughout the pandemic. It outlines to teachers and students what content they should prioritise for their summer 2022 examination revision. There is specific information for most examination subjects.

How do students use it?

Advance information can help guide and prioritise effective revision. For example, advance information for some subjects may let students know that one part of the assessment will focus on a reduced range of specification content. The topics in advance information will be listed in the order they appear in the specification, not the order they may be in the exam papers.

To support progression and best possible performance in the examinations, effective revision plans should take account of everything that has been taught. Advance information will not necessarily cover all aspects of specification content that will be assessed in the 2022 examinations. Students are encouraged to make the best use of past papers and should revise a broad range of content. This will always be the best preparation for success in an exam, particularly in questions which ask students to draw on information, skills and examples from across the specification content (these are known as 'synoptic questions'). Using full past papers can also help to familiarise with the style of exam questions as part of exam preparation.

Will advance information be available for all subjects?

Advance information will be available for most subjects. For a small number of subjects, there are other adaptations in place to support, so advance information will not be provided. Advance information will not be provided for Art & Design subjects as these courses do not have written exams and are graded through Non-Exam Assessments (NEA) instead. This year, these subjects will be graded on a portfolio of work only.

Advance information will also not be provided in GCSE English Literature, History and Geography, where flexibility in what is taught has already been introduced for 2022. Advance information may look different across the subjects and specifications. For instance, advance information for topic-based practical subjects such as Science, will differ from that for subjects with set texts such as Drama.

Different exam boards will also have variations in the advance information between specifications for the same subject. This is because the specification and assessment designs are different. Therefore, the advance information which the exam board provides will be specifically relevant to their specification.

Where can students find advance information?

Students can find the relevant advance information for their exams through the exam boards listed in the table below or via the [JCQ website](#). Teachers are also aware that advance information will be available for subjects, and they will advise students on how to use this to guide effective revision through their PLCs.

Year 11 - GCSE	Year 13 - A Level
AQA GCSE English Language AQA GCSE English Literature Edexcel GCSE Mathematics AQA Science (Trilogy) AQA GCSE French AQA GCSE Spanish AQA GCSE Geography AQA GCSE History AQA GCSE Sociology AQA GCSE Psychology Edexcel GCSE Physical Education AQA GCSE Product Design Eduqas GCSE Music Eduqas GCSE Hospitality and Catering	AQA Biology AQA Chemistry Edexcel Maths AQA Psychology AQA Sociology AQA English Literature AQA History AQA Geography AQA Media Studies



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Will students be able to take advance information into their exams?

While intended to help with effective revision, advance information is not something students will be allowed to take into the exams. As in any year, exam papers will clearly set out the questions needed to be answered.

What do students need to do now?

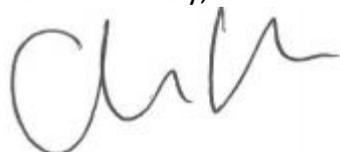
- Continue as normal with studies using effective revision timetables and techniques
- Use subject PLCs to RAG rate and prioritise effective revision
- Attend as many RA sessions as possible
- Read the exam board advance information for each subject as listed above
- Ask questions to help understand more about the updated subject exam requirements
- Maximise every learning opportunity that the academy offers

What will the academy be doing to help?

- Subject teachers will be explaining the advance information in detail during lessons to help students understand the new assessment requirements
- Subject areas will be updating their Personalised Learning Checklists (PLCs) to help students prioritise their effective revision in line with the new assessment requirements
- The Mock 2 period (28th February - 18th March) will incorporate the advance information assessment objectives
- Subject teachers will focus on the advance information content during DEAR, evening and holiday RA sessions
- Regular updates will be made to the effective revision resources that can be accessed through the designated Google Classroom page
- All staff will be fully updated and in a strong position to reassure students and their parents/carers should they have any questions or concerns

We really appreciate your ongoing support at home. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us using our [online contact service](#).

Yours sincerely,



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