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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you well.

I am writing to you to provide you with an update in relation to the summer examinations, scheduled to take place in 2022. Please also find below a link to a short stream which identifies and explains a variety of different strategies you can use with your son/daughter to support their independent revision and preparation for the upcoming Mock Examinations. Within this stream you will find an overview of some of the strategies we are implementing as a school to further support your son/daughter. I hope you find this information useful. I apologise that although you can hear me on the video, the presentation doesn't move owing to technical difficulties.

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### Exams in the summer of 2022

The Department for Education (DfE) have released their plans for the Year 11 cohort in terms of exams. It is important to acknowledge that the DfE do recognise that students have had a disrupted two years and as a result, have now put plans in place to ensure that students are not disadvantaged. The most notably piece of information to make you aware of is that examinations **will return** in the summer of 2022. GCSE examinations will happen in May and June and the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) will confirm the dates shortly.

### Advance notice & results day

Advance information will be provided in February of 2022 in relation to the content of the summer exams. GCSE results day will take place on **25<sup>th</sup> August 2022**. As mentioned above, the DfE have recognised that measures will be implemented to ensure that students are not disadvantaged; these measures include:

- A choice of topics or content on which students will be assessed in GCSE English literature, history and geography
- Providing advance information on the focus of exams to support students' revision in subjects where there is a choice of topics
- Providing formulae sheets in maths and revised equation sheets in GCSE combined science and physics
- Changing requirements for practical science work and practical art and design assessments to ensure fairness

### Grading

As you will be aware, summer exams have been unable to take place in the last two years – students have been awarded grades by their teachers and as a result, we have seen higher outcomes. It is the intention of Ofqual (Who make the decisions on grading) to return grades to a 'pre-pandemic standard' and it is likely that results in 2022 will be higher than in 2019, but not as high as high as in 2020. Ofqual aims to return GCSE results so that they are in line with pre-pandemic years in 2023.



I am sure that you will appreciate that while it is the Government's intention for exams to go ahead next year, there will of course be contingency plans put into place in the event that they cannot. There is a contingency plan for Teacher Assessed Grades to be used in the event that exams cannot take place; a consultation is currently ongoing as to the format this process would take.

For further information, please visit the link: [What you need to know about exams in 2022 - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email [dsears@elatschools.co.uk](mailto:dsears@elatschools.co.uk)

Yours faithfully



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