



October 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Examinations Update – Year 11

Since returning to the Academy, students in Year 11 have been working hard to address any knowledge or skills gaps identified in their end of year examinations in Year 10. Students are now rigorously preparing for their upcoming Year 11 mock examinations. We next want to share with you an update on the assessment programme for Year 11 to enable you to plan and prepare for your child's year ahead.

Summer 2022 Examinations

Following the recent announcement from Ofqual we can now confirm that all students across the UK will complete formal GCSE examinations this summer. We are very aware of the ongoing impact that Covid continues to have on student attendance. Therefore, coupled with this announcement, Ofqual has confirmed that some courses and assessments will be adapted for the year ahead to better support students. More detail about these adaptations can be found [here](#), and will also be detailed during our Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening **this evening**.

We are awaiting confirmation from the exam boards of the firm dates for the summer 2022 exam series, though we do know that it will closely mirror the timetable used in previous years. Therefore, we **strongly** discourage any families from making **any** holiday arrangements for next summer until these dates have been confirmed.

November 2021 – Mock Examinations

Together with the announcement for summer 2022 examinations, the government has also announced contingency plans in the event the Covid-19 pandemic worsens. The government has therefore directed all schools in the UK to begin gathering assessment evidence for students following the October half term break. This evidence could be used to inform a 'Teacher Assessed Grade' in a process very similar to that used last year if examinations cannot take place this summer.

At Oasis Academy Mayfield, the upcoming mock examinations from **Monday 08 November 2021** will be included in the profile of evidence being collated for each student. Therefore, your child's mock examinations could prove to be **critical** in informing a 'Teacher Assessed Grade' if we are asked to apply the contingency plan. It is therefore **essential** that your child prepares for their mock examinations seriously, recognising the impact that their effort and attainment could have on their future. Please find enclosed with this letter a copy of the upcoming mock examination timetable.

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February 2022 – Mock Examinations

Mock examinations are **essential** in enabling us to precisely identify any remaining gaps in your child's knowledge, skills or understanding. Similarly, these examinations are **critical** for the effective development of our **Re-teach Extend Intervention Curriculum**, which is implemented following each formal mock examination.

At Oasis Academy Mayfield, the February mock examination window from **Monday 14 February 2021** will also be included in the profile of evidence being collated for each student. Again, your child's mock examinations are **critical** since they could be used to inform a 'Teacher Assessed Grade' if we are asked to apply the contingency plan.

It is therefore **essential** that your child attends school every day, on time, to ensure that they can access all of their learning and have the best opportunities to prepare for their exams, enabling them to showcase **what they know** and **what they can do**.

Implementing Mock Examinations

All examinations are completed in the Sports Hall under examination conditions – these are the same conditions students will experience in their final GCSE examinations this summer. Students will receive additional guidance in an assembly on our return after half term, and will receive information about routines and expectations during examinations, including student conduct.

Students who qualify for Access Arrangements have already been screened by our relevant team of staff and will complete their examinations in an alternative venue (as appropriate) to accommodate their needs. If this applies to your child, they will already be aware. This is another excellent opportunity for our students to familiarise themselves with the examination process in readiness for their final GCSE examinations in summer 2022. Please discuss your child's examinations with them and encourage them to revise.

Results Day 2022

Finally, the government has confirmed that Year 11 Results Day will take place next summer on **Thursday 25 August 2021**. We are hopeful that we can use this day to celebrate our students' successes as they transition to their post-16 destination.

If you or your child wish to discuss the upcoming examinations for Year 11, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance who will be able to offer advice and support. We look forward to a successful Year 11 mock examination series in November and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Knight
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YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATION TIMETABLE



DATE	EXAM PAPER	MAIN COHORT	
		START	LOCATION
Monday 08 November	English Language – Paper 1	09:00	Sports Hall
	Mathematics – Paper 1	13:00	Sports Hall
Tuesday 09 November	English Literature – Paper 1	09:00	Sports Hall
	Biology – Paper 1	13:00	Sports Hall
Wednesday 10 November	Mathematics – Paper 2	09:00	Sports Hall
	History – Paper 1	13:00	Sports Hall
Thursday 11 November	Geography – Paper 1	09:00	Sports Hall
	Physics – Paper 1	13:00	Sports Hall
Friday 12 November	Spanish (Listening and Reading) Film Studies – Component 2	09:00	G07 / G08
	French & German (Listening and Reading)	13:00	G07 / G08
Monday 15 November	Chemistry – Paper 1	09:00	Sports Hall
	Health and Social Care GCSE PE – Paper 1	13:00	Sports Hall
Tuesday 16 November	History – Paper 2	09:00	Sports Hall
	Child Development	13:00	Sports Hall
Wednesday 17 November	Geography – Paper 2	09:00	Sports Hall
	Spanish (Writing) Film Studies – Component 1	13:00	G07 / G08
Thursday 18 November	Food Preparation and Nutrition	09:00	Sports Hall
	French (Writing)	13:00	G07 / G08
	Art (11ArX2)	All Day	Art Barn
Friday 19 November	Religious Studies	09:00	Sports Hall
	GCSE PE – Paper 2 German (Writing)	13:00	Sports Hall G07 / G08
	Art (11ArX4)	All Day	Art Barn