



March 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

## Year 11 Advance Information – GCSE Examinations

Firstly, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for everything you are doing to support your child as they prepare for their summer GCSE examinations as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic.

You may have seen a recent communication from Ofqual (the regulator for qualifications, examinations, and assessments in England) outlining that key adaptations are being made to exams this summer. These adaptations aim to support both students and teachers in focusing revision for the exams. It is intended that the adaptations make sure exam boards are being as fair as possible to students given the disruption, they have experienced due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

I am pleased to share that the exam boards have now published the detail relating to the advance information (where this applies) for individual subjects. Class teachers will be discussing these adaptations to the summer exams with students in lessons now that we have completed the final series of mock examinations.

I know that you will appreciate, however, having sight of the advance information for yourself so that you can continue to work in partnership with us as your child rapidly approaches their final GCSE examinations this summer. Therefore, please see the advance information for the specifications we deliver at Oasis Academy Mayfield attached to this letter.

### Intervention and Independent Study

Receiving this advance information is a gift – knowing the content that will be examined in advance of the exam is a gift that schools have not been in receipt of before. It is therefore **vital** important that your child attends every Period 6 intervention lesson on their timetable. Teachers have prepared **critical** re-teach and deliberate practice so that students can accelerate their progress and attainment.

For students that have not been selected for intervention, we have previously spoken to students about the importance of having a revision timetable. To support this further, we are opening room **116** daily from **3.00 – 4.00pm** for independent study for Year 11 **only**. This is a silent, focussed working space where students can complete homework, revision or assessment practice **independently** once the school day has ended.

It is **essential** that your child is at school **on time, every day** – the most impactful way we can make a difference to your child's learning is when they are in lessons with their class teacher. We are committed to ensuring your child is supported to enable them to fulfil their potential this summer.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you and your child to the Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening on **Thursday 31 March 2022**.

Yours faithfully

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# ADVANCE INFORMATION

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SUBJECT	EXAM BOARD	ADVANCE INFORMATION	OTHER KEY INFORMATION
GCSE English Language	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changes to Spoken Language endorsement</li> <li>▪ No change to written exams</li> <li>▪ No modifications to the style and format of the question papers or mark schemes</li> </ul>
GCSE English Literature	AQA	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Choice of subject content</li> <li>▪ Changes to exam structure                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paper 1: <b>Two</b> exam papers of 50min each</li> <li>○ Paper 2: <b>One</b> exam paper of 1h45min</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Total marks and total exam time reduced (now 130 marks)</li> </ul>
GCSE Mathematics	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formulae sheet provided in exam                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Foundation Tier: <a href="#">Click here</a></li> <li>○ Higher Tier: <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Practicals can be taught by teacher demonstrations or simulations</li> <li>▪ Revised equation sheet which covers all Physics equations</li> </ul>
GCSE Separate Science: Biology	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Practicals can be taught by teacher demonstrations or simulations</li> </ul>
GCSE Separate Sciences: Chemistry	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Practicals can be taught by teacher demonstrations or simulations</li> </ul>
GCSE Separate Sciences: Physics	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Practicals can be taught by teacher demonstrations or simulations</li> <li>▪ Revised equation sheet which covers all Physics equations</li> </ul>
GCSE Geography	AQA	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There are no changes to Paper 1</li> <li>▪ Optionality introduced for Paper 2 (now 1h15min)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Answer <b>all</b> questions in <b>Section A</b></li> <li>○ Answer <b>Section C</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Fieldwork not required                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Familiar fieldwork questions in Paper 3 <b>only</b> (1 hour)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Total marks and total exam time reduced (now 207 marks)</li> </ul>
GCSE History	Edexcel	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Optionality introduced: only <b>two</b> of the <b>three</b> optional components are to be delivered, as well as modern depth study (<b>compulsory</b>)</li> <li>▪ Paper 2 is examined using <b>two</b> Paper 2 booklets, examined separately                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Each Paper 2 booklet lasts 55min</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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GCSE French	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Optionality for Paper 4 (Writing)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Additional optional question included for the overlap question (both tiers) to enable students to answer for their preferred theme</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Paper 4 (Writing) exam time now 1h05min (FT) and 1h20min (HT)</li> <li>▪ No requirement for vocabulary outside specification</li> <li>▪ Speaking tests to take place as normal, with planned contingency</li> </ul>
GCSE German	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	
GCSE Polish	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	
GCSE Spanish	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Optionality for Paper 4 (Writing)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Additional optional question included in Foundation Tier</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Paper 4 (Writing) exam time now 1h20min for Foundation Tier</li> <li>▪ Removal of many non-vocabulary list words from Papers 1 and 3</li> <li>▪ Speaking tests to take place as normal, with planned contingency</li> </ul>
GCSE Turkish	Edexcel	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	
GCSE Art & Design	AQA	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Students will only complete Component 1 (Portfolio)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marked out of 96 as usual</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Students will <b>not</b> need to start or complete Component 2</li> </ul>
GCSE Film Studies	Eduqas WJEC	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Component 1: <b>No</b> changes</li> <li>▪ Component 2: <b>No</b> changes</li> <li>▪ Component 3: Assesses <b>one</b> production and its evaluative analysis                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Storyboard option for 2022 <b>only</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changes to non-exam assessment (NEA) tasks                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NEA1: Food Investigation Task (15%) – <b>not</b> required</li> <li>○ NEA2: Food Preparation Task (50%) – remains in assessment but only <b>two</b> dishes within 3 hours</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Breakdown of assessment</li> <li>▪ No changes to exam</li> </ul>
GCSE Physical Education	AQA	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Students will be assessed in two activities rather than three.</li> <li>▪ Moderation visits are planned as normal, however, centres are likely to collect video evidence of each students' performances wherever possible.</li> </ul>
GCSE Religious Studies	Eduqas WJEC	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	None
CNAT Child Development	OCR	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assessment can be reduced by one moderated unit</li> </ul>

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BTEC Tech Award Health & Social Care	Edexcel	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Component 1: Learning Aim A – discuss <b>three</b> factors rather than <b>five</b></li> </ul>
BTEC Tech Award Performing Arts (Dance and Acting)	Edexcel	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Component 1: Learning Aim A – Examination of <b>one</b> work in <b>one</b> style</li> <li>▪ Component 1: Learning Aim B – Reference to <b>one or more</b> examples</li> <li>▪ Component 2: Learning Aim A – Removed requirement to evidence with logbook</li> <li>▪ Component 2: Learning Aim B – Performance / Design <b>only</b> will be assessed</li> <li>▪ Component 2: Learning Aim B – Solo performance of 1.5min+ or group of 2mins+</li> <li>▪ Component 2: Learning Aim C – Removed requirement to evidence skills review</li> <li>▪ Component 3: Learning Aim A – Extended assessment window (2-7 performers)</li> <li>▪ Component 3: Externally Ass. – Performance lasting 3-10min</li> <li>▪ Component 3: Externally Ass. – Recording can include solo relating to group</li> </ul>
BTEC First Sport	Edexcel	None	None