

Dear Student,

**Re: Autumn Examination Opportunity**

As confirmed by Ofqual in May this year, any student who would have been entered for external exams had they gone ahead is eligible, if unhappy with any of their final grades, to sit some or all of their exams during the Autumn series. The dates for the Autumn exam series are detailed below. If you choose to take exams in the autumn and achieve a different grade from the grade you received this summer, you will be able to use **the higher of the 2 grades** to show to universities, colleges and employers in future.

**Dates for the Autumn Series 2021**

GCE (A Level)

- Examinations will be sat between 4<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021
- Results Day – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Should you have any further questions, please refer to the frequently asked questions on the following page in the first instance. If you have any further questions, the exams officer or myself will be more than willing to help.

If you decide that you wish to sit any exams during this series, you should complete and return the electronic form using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/98KMCnTBBv> or complete the form below and email it to the exams officer [clare.delmont@greatsankey.org](mailto:clare.delmont@greatsankey.org) by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

Yours faithfully



Mrs R Bond – Head of Barrow Hall College

**A level Autumn Examination Series Entry Request:**

<b>Student Name:</b>	
<b>Student Mobile Contact:</b>	
<b>Student Email Address:</b>	

I confirm that I have read and understood the information with regards to the autumn exam series and wish to be entered to sit all relevant examinations for the following A level qualifications:

Subject	(Please ONLY list the subject(s) for which you wish to be entered)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

**Student Signature:**

**Date:**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Do I have to sit exams in all of my subjects?**

No. You can choose to take as many subjects in the autumn as you want to. But if you want to take a particular subject, you will need to take all the exam papers in that subject.

### **Which grade will stand if I sit the exams?**

If you choose to take exams in the autumn and achieve a different grade from the grade you received this summer, you will be able to use the higher of the 2 grades to show to universities, colleges and employers in future.

### **Will the number or format of the exam papers be different?**

No. You will have the same number of exams in each subject and they will be in the same format as the summer 2021 exams would have been. However, there will not be any non-exam assessment, except in art & design.

### **Will the non-exam assessment I have done count towards my grade?**

No. The autumn results will be based on your exam performance alone, there will be no non-exam assessment and results from previous non-exam assessment will not carry over. In art & design, grades will be based on your performance in a new task, set and marked by the exam board and taken under the normal supervised conditions.

### **Who will enter me for the exams?**

The Department for Education has confirmed that the school or college that entered you for exams in the summer is responsible for entering you in the autumn. But, if this is not convenient (for example, if you've moved to another part of the country), your school or college can agree other arrangements on your behalf. The exception to this is if you are moving school or college in the autumn and will be continuing to study English or maths because you achieved a grade 3 or below. In that case you should speak to your new school or college who will arrange entries for you.

**Can I enter the autumn series if I wasn't entered this summer?** No. Only students who had entered for the summer exams and students who the exam board believes had intended to enter for those exams can enter in the autumn series. Students who would normally be entitled to take GCSEs in English language and maths in November (usually resitting students) will also be able to take exams in those subjects.

**If I take exams in the autumn, will I still be able to start my college or university course?** You should speak to the relevant institution directly as they make their own admission decisions. In many cases, students who sit these examinations will be looking at starting their college or university studies in the following autumn - 2021. An exception to this is where a course has a January or February start date and, in this case, you may be able to start right away. The best advice is to contact the university or college for specific information.

### **How much will the exams cost?**

We **will not charge** students for entry to the Autumn Series. But please consider carefully whether you are fully committed to sitting exams in the Autumn. We will ask you to pay the examination fees if you fail to attend your resit exams or if you choose to cancel your entry and the school incurs cancellation fees.