

Exams Summer 2022 – Update on Support

7th February 2022

Dear parents, carers & students

I am writing to update you on the latest support for summer 2022 exams.

Summer exams for GCSEs, AS and A levels will be taking place in 2022 for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Ofqual and the Department for Education recognise the difficulties students may have faced during the pandemic, and changes have been made to this year's arrangements to help students.

GCSE/AS/A Level support summer 2022

A package of support has been put in place for students taking GCSE, AS and A level qualifications in summer 2022. It is intended to make sure that we are treating students as fairly as possible, given the disruption they have experienced and may continue to face, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The support measures include:

Changes to Coursework

Non-exam assessment and fieldwork requirements adjusted, with flexibility in some subjects.

Optional Content

There will be less content or fewer topics for students to learn in some GCSEs.

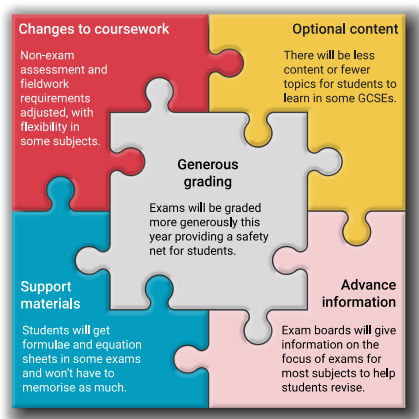
Support materials

Students will get formulae and equation sheets in some exams and won't have to memorise as much.

Advance information

On 7th February, exam boards released the advance information for teacher and students to help preparation for summer 2022 exams. Teachers are accessing this information at the moment and will share it with you as soon as they can.

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[advance information postcard 2022-02-03 1446.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/advance-information-postcard-2022-02-03-1446.pdf)

Advance information will help students focus their revision. Exam boards have provided advance information for exams in most subjects. Students will have a choice of topics or content in some GCSE subjects. Exam boards will also provide e.g., a formulae sheet and an updated equation sheet for students to use in their GCSE maths, physics and combined science exams. This advance information will also help teachers manage revision time in the lead-up to exams.

Exam boards will give information on the focus of exams for most subjects to help students revise.

Please click on the link below to see OFQUAL's support by subject.

[Subject-by-subject support for GCSE, AS and A level students in 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/subject-by-subject-support-for-gcse-as-and-a-level-students-in-2022)

Upcoming Trial exams for year 11 and year 13 will take note of this advance information and students will not be tested on any topics not included in summer 2022 examinations.

Attached is a student guide to Advance information from JCQ and FAQ which helps to explain it.

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The package of support this summer will also include careful consideration of grade boundaries. This is to make sure the grades awarded, this year, are fair in comparison to previous years.

Vocational qualifications

Adaptations have been made to mitigate the difficulties students have faced during the pandemic. These are specific to the individual qualifications but include:

Streamlined assessments (adaptations to internal units), an extended window to complete assessments and resit opportunities and early release of pre-release materials.

Please contact your teacher for information on the specific support for the vocational qualification you are taking.

Exam Timetables

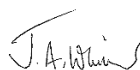
Exam timetables will be issued to students later this week. Please make sure these are checked (including full name and spelling – as this will be the exact name and spelling that will appear on exam certificates). Any queries, please contact the Exams officer (Mrs Passey) before Wednesday 16th February. (rpy@knutsfordacademuy.org.uk).

Please note exam dates cannot be changed, they are set by the exam boards. If there is a clash on your exam timetable, you will need to sit one exam after the other and be supervised in between. Arrangements will be put in place for students who are affected by this.

Exam Contingency Day

The exam boards have designated **Wednesday 29 June 2022** as a ‘contingency day’ for examinations if exam boards have to re-schedule any exam due to national or significant local disruption. It is part of the exam boards standard contingency planning for examinations. **Students are required to remain available, up to and including Wednesday 29th June 2022.**

Kind Regards



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