



Thursday 14th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Year 11 Examinations 2022

As you may be aware the Department for Education (DfE) have recently set out their plans regarding the awarding of GCSE grades in 2022. The attached slides give detailed information about these plans; explaining the decision by the DfE to re-instate the GCSE examinations and the measures that will be put in place to support students this year. There is also information explaining how the GCSE grades will be awarded as well as key dates.

As a school we are aware that some of our Year 11 students may have concerns regarding the summer 2022 GCSE examinations and the awarding of their GCSE grades. We will be speaking to our Year 11 students about the DfE announcement during assembly on the 18th October and we will be working with all of our Year 11 students throughout the year to ensure that they are well prepared for the re-introduction of the GCSE exams.

As always, we will provide our students with every opportunity to succeed and we are working hard to review our curriculum and teaching and learning methodology to ensure they are well supported. We will also be keeping a very close eye on their wellbeing so that they do not become overwhelmed.

Our students have enquired what else could be done at the moment to help them with their studies. To support them with this, each subject area has identified the most relevant and impactful revision guide(s) for their exam, which students can utilise at home as part of their revision programme. These are optional resources and will not be required within curriculum teaching. The revision guides are available to purchase through Scopay until Thursday 21st October 2021, at reduced bulk buy prices; however, they can also be purchased from other outlets. You will find the exam board details for each subject on the revision guides attachment.

Later in the year we will be considering our use of the Department for Education grants to support targeted students for tutoring, once we have a better idea of where this would be useful. In the interim we are confident that the work we are doing will suffice.

If you have any further questions please contact me directly at s.day@tarletonacademy.org.

Yours faithfully,

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