

November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, the government is clear that students entering GCSEs in 2022 should expect to take exams next summer. However, should exams need to be cancelled Ofqual (the exams regulator) published guidance late last week on how schools should collect evidence to inform their teacher assessed grades (TAGs). Part of this evidence gathering will come from three assessment points distributed throughout the year.


Therefore, performance in the November mock exams **WILL** be used as part of the evidence to determine TAG grades **if** exams are cancelled in the summer. With just a week to go before these exams commence, it is crucial that you encourage your child to continue to revise for these examinations and to attend the after-school revision sessions taking place in school each week.

Attendance at these mock exams is vital, students must arrive on time and fully prepared. Students must attend school as normal and will be expected to be in lesson should they not be in an exam. Students must arrive in their form room no later than 8:45am to be registered and escorted into the exam room for a prompt 9:00am start. **Students who arrive late could be refused entry to the exam.** Students should remain in the dining room after break and lunch if they have exams starting at 11:00am and 1:40pm respectively. I have included another copy of the exam timetable in this letter and, in addition to this, your child should have exam stickers in their planner indicating the date and time of each of their individual exams, with their seat number clearly identified. Therefore, it is important that students bring their planner with them to school each day to help them to be organised for their mocks.

We will of course release further information in the coming weeks about the assessments taking place during the spring and summer terms, which may also be used to inform any TAG grades.

Through all of us working together, we know that your children, our students, will have a positive year and get the results their hard work deserves next August. Please contact us at the Academy if you have any questions or concerns. You can put a note in your child's planner and ask for a call back from form tutors or Heads of Year, call our main office on 01274 600550, or you can email via info@appletonacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Garlick".

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Head of Secondary

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Diane Whitehead
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MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE

Date	Time	Exam Length	Subject Title
Mon 22/11/2021	9:00am	90min	Maths Paper 1
	11:00am	75min & 105min	Combined Science Biology & Biology
	1:40pm	60min	Music
Tues 23/11/2021	9:00am	70min	Geography Paper 1
	11:00am	105min	English Paper 1
	1:40pm	90min	Hospitality & Catering
Wed 24/11/2021	9:00am	90min	Maths Paper 2
	11:00am	75min & 105min	Combined Science Chemistry & Chemistry
	1:40pm	75min	iMedia
Thurs 25/11/2021	9:00am	60min	History Paper 1
	11:00am	100min	English Lit Paper 1
	1:40pm	60min	Sport
Fri 26/11/2021	9:00am	90min	Maths Paper 3
	11:00am	75min & 105min	Combined Science Physics & Physics
	1:40pm	No Exam	
Mon 29/11/2021	9:00am	No Exam	
	11:00am	105min	English Paper 2
	1:40pm	70min	Geography Paper 2
Tues 30/11/2021	9:00am	35min & 45min	Spanish – Foundation Tier Listening & Reading
	11:00am	105min	English Lit Paper 2
	1:40pm	60min	History Paper 2
Wed 01/12/2021	9:00am	60min	Spanish Writing – Foundation
	11:00am	120min	Health & Social Care
	1:40pm	60min	History Paper 3
Thurs 02/12/2021	9:00am	No Exam	
	11:00am	90min & 120min	Drama & Product Design