



FAQs (January 2021)

Dear Year 11 and 13 Students, plus Parents/Carers

I hope that you are all safe and well and settling in to your new routine of remote learning. We wanted to put together a quick FAQ's sheet for you to outline what we know so far. We will be in regular contact with you as information firms up.

It is very sad that your learning has been so disrupted but we are encouraged by the positive feedback we are getting from your teachers about engagement with on-line lessons and remote learning. Keep up this good work!!

Will I get all my mock results sent home?

Your mock results will be sent home early next week. For any exams you have not been able to complete in school there will be an X as your result.

I haven't completed all my mock exams, what should I do?

Your mock papers will be sent home (electronically if possible). You will need to complete them under exam conditions and send them back to your teachers for marking and updating results. When all papers are received your teachers will be able to go through the papers with you.

What is happening to the Summer exams?

The statement from the Government stated that exams cannot take place as originally planned this Summer. They will be replaced by teacher assessments. Teachers will get training with these assessments.

*We are expecting further information on this next week. There are lots of rumours around about how there might still be some formally assessed papers, but nothing is confirmed and we do not want to speculate about this. Your teachers will be able to talk to you about your mock outcomes and how well you are currently doing. They will continue to find ways to assess you remotely so that you can also keep a track of your progress. **Teachers will not comment on likely teacher assessment grades.***

What is happening to the January and February Vocational examinations?

Schools were given the option to cancel these or continue to run them if they felt they could do this safely.

We made the decision to run these for any students who felt able to come in for their exam. The reason we did this is to allow those students who have been working really hard to prepare for these exams the opportunity to show what they can do. All students who can take further exams in their subjects will be put in for a resit (so that if the teacher assessment process would be more favourable to their outcomes we will be able to do this).

Who do I inform at school if I cannot sit the Jan/Feb vocational examinations?

Please complete the google form sent out with your exam information. It gives you the option to say Yes I am attending or No I am not (due to COVID reasons).

How will our teacher assessed grades be decided?

We do not know the expectations around drawing up these grades yet. There are further announcements due next week from the Government. It is our intention, at the moment, to judge the attainment and progress of students using a range of evidence. Evidence can include, but is not limited to: in class assessments, mock exams, coursework that has been completed and will be completed in the coming months, engagement information, end of module tests etc. Whatever systems are in place we will make sure that there is a rigorous standardisation/moderation process in place (checking different teachers are marking work in the same way) to ensure that all students are awarded grades which are fair.

It is vital that students continue to work hard and engage fully with all your teachers and the work set. We are currently intending to run formal assessments when students return to full time education in school.

Does it matter what work we complete now?

Yes. All work produced will be used by your teachers to help us determine your attainment and progress levels.

What shall I do if I'm struggling or have any queries?

If you are feeling worried you can email your tutor or year head directly. They will make sure that they get back to you as soon as possible or pass the concern on to the most suitable person at school who will contact you.

If you have any problems with your subject learning you should contact your teacher directly either by emailing them or through the google classroom chat.

Any non subject specific related questions should be directed to your year head who will make sure they are passed on to the most suitable person to help you.

Kind regards



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