

Dear Student,

### **Additional Assessment Materials - Summer 2021**

You may be aware that exam boards have recently released some Additional Assessment Materials (AAM) for GCSE and A-level subjects in order to help schools with the awarding process for Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG) this summer. Some pupils have been asking about the best way of using these materials, and in some cases some incorrect myths have started to circulate about these materials. In the interests of fairness and transparency I want to address these questions and myths with all pupils taking examinations this summer

**Q: Will using these assessment materials be considered cheating?**

A: No - they have been made publically available (see links below) in the interests of fairness for all students. They are there to provide schools and students with some examples of the sort of questions which could be used in assessments this half term.

**Q: Can these questions be used in our assessments this half term? / Are these the only questions schools will be using in assessments this half term?**

A: These questions are there to provide schools with additional examples of the sorts of questions that can be asked. These are mainly questions from past examination papers or ones written in a similar style. It is not the case that schools will only, or mainly, be using these questions.

**Q: I would like to work through these questions as part of my revision. I would like the answers in order to help me learn where I went wrong. Can school provide these?**

A: No. Whilst the questions are in the public domain the answers are considered restricted examination materials. It would be malpractice for any member of school staff to make these available to any student.

**Q: Do I have to use these materials as part of my revision?**

A: These materials are being provided for optional use and for fairness and transparency purposes. Your subject teachers will be preparing you for your assessments and will provide you with revision material. We also run a revision programme after school in order to further support students.

All students need to do more revision than simply that provided in their lessons if they want to perform at their best in their assessments. You will need to decide (with advice from your teachers) what will be most important for you to do. Some students need to spend more time reviewing subject knowledge and therefore it may be important for you to use flashcards to help you. Other students may need to develop examination technique and therefore working through these questions or other past examination questions may be very helpful.

Additional Assessment Materials for each subject can be accessed from the website of each awarding body:

<a href="#">AQA</a>	<a href="#">EDUQAS (*)</a>	<a href="#">OCR</a>	<a href="#">Pearson</a>
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\* For EDUQAS you must navigate to the resources section for the relevant subject.

Should you have any further questions please see myself or one of the Faculty Leaders in school.

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