

29 March 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,

The government have confirmed that GCSE exams in June are likely to go ahead with **adjustments made to individual subjects** to counter the impact of the pandemic. Please click [here](#) to access a letter to students from the chair of Ofqual about next summer's GCSE exam arrangements. Below is a summary of some of the adjustments made to GCSE exams;

- In all other subjects, students will be given **advance information** of some of the topics that will come up on the summer exams.
- In Maths, Physics and Combined Science students will be allowed a formulae sheet in the exam.

Additional Support

Subject teachers are offering additional intervention sessions to support our students. Year 11s & 12s are encouraged to attend these sessions and may in some cases, be directed to attend. Whilst the additional classes will help, they are not a replacement for independent study at home. Students have full access to a wealth of on-line support materials, most notably the GCSE Pod. Through hard work and focused study your child really can succeed. It is crucial for parents and carers to encourage their child to formulate strong study habits at home to help them prepare for these exams.

Whilst we will do everything we can to support your child in school; ultimately, their success is a measure of their own hard work and commitment.

Exams Timetable

We will send out a copy of your son's/daughter's June 2022 GCSE timetable via email. You can also access the timetable using the Arbor Parent Portal.

Please note that all exam dates and times are set by the Exam Boards and that, although the school is not allowed to vary the date, the school sometimes has to vary start times slightly as a result of exam clashes and/or rooming issues. The enclosed schedule therefore confirms the dates of your son's/daughter's exams but individual Exam Timetables will detail exact start/finish times and venues. Therefore, students must refer to their own individual Exam Timetables at all times throughout the exam period and any queries should be referred to the Curriculum Head or Exams Officer. Please note that individual Exam Timetables will be issued to students via tutors towards the end of March and by email to parents when all timetable issues have been finalised.

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The following information leaflets for students are also enclosed:

1. Information for students – written examinations
2. Information for students – social media
3. Information for students – privacy notice
4. Information for students – non exam assessments

Kindly refer to the school website for further information and guidance, see link below:

<https://www.sandwellvalleyschool.com/exams>

Yours sincerely,

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