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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Trial Exam Week and Contingency Measures 2022

The government intends that exams will go ahead in the summer of 2022. If exams cannot go ahead as planned, students will receive grades determined by their teachers, using teacher-assessed grades (TAGs) similar to those used in summer 2021. TAGs are based on teachers' assessment of their students' work. In order to fully prepare our students for the challenges of final examinations, whilst simultaneously allowing teachers to gather evidence for Teacher Assessed Grades, Year 11 students will have a trial examination week beginning on Monday 21st February 2022. The trial examinations will take place in the Hall and New Hall under examination conditions. Students will be expected to hand in mobile phones and all watches to invigilators prior to entry into the exam room as per the regulations from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ).

Please find attached the subject specific guidance for the Year 11 trial examinations in February. The guidance specifies exam paper details, length and where revision materials can be accessed to help to focus students' revision.

In line with the guidance from JCQ, the regulatory body for examinations, there will be an additional trial examination series after Easter, the dates for this series will be confirmed later in the year. We want to reassure students and families that our approach this year is designed entirely to support students face the challenges ahead without burdening them with unnecessary assessments. All formal assessments that have been planned for the next few months will not exceed the overall assessment time for individual qualifications and in fact will allow students to benefit from feedback and guidance to show improvement from one assessment week to the next. This will benefit students for both success in final examination or a TAG eventuality.

The final timetable for the Exam Week and additional procedural information will be shared in the upcoming weeks. On Monday 31st January a pre-recorded presentation will go live at 6pm detailing plans for final exam preparation, contingency measures, adaptations to specifications and revision approaches. If you have any questions about please do contact exams@taptonschoo.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



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