

Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Trial Examinations 21st February to 1st March 2022

As we have already shared with you in our examination guidance letter, it remains the government's intention for final GCSE examinations to take place this summer. If examinations 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.

In order to fully prepare our students for the challenges of the final examinations, whilst simultaneously allowing teachers to gather evidence for teacher-assessed grades, Year 11 students will have a trial examination period beginning on Monday 21st February 2022. Year 11 students will have a combination of examinations and lessons during the examination phase and therefore will need to bring revision materials to lessons so that, where possible, they can revise when they are not in an examination.

In line with the guidance from Ofqual these examinations will take place under formal examination conditions in the Hall and New Hall. **Updated regulations from JCQ, the regulatory body for examinations, require students to hand in their mobile phones and all watches before they enter the examination room.** Students will be reminded to do this; failure to hand in these items may result in malpractice being reported to the examination board. In addition, **students must remember to bring all of the necessary equipment to school for the exams;**

- a calculator
- black pens
- pencils
- eraser
- a protractor
- a compass
- a ruler.

The examination timetable is attached to this letter. Please ensure your child is familiar with the day and time of each of their examinations. Please also note the start times; in line with national exams all morning exams will start at 9.00am and all afternoon exams will begin at 1.30pm. There is also a mid-morning examination on some days. Where students have an afternoon examination they will be dismissed for home directly from the examination. The link for the JCQ guidance for students sitting written examinations is below; students will be taken through these regulations by their form tutors and we also urge you read them. Students who have an access arrangement will have these in place for the trial exams.

https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/IFC-Written_Examinations_2021_v5.pdf

There will be an additional examination series after Easter; we will confirm these dates with you at the GCSE Examination Information evening on Monday 31st January. Students should approach each series with great




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preparation and a determination to do well; equally they should look forward to detailed feedback from their subject teachers so that they can improve at each cycle ready to do well in the final exams in May and June.

We look forward to presenting more detail about the forthcoming examinations during the information evening on the 31st January. During this pre-recorded presentation we will detail the roadmap for the next five months leading to final examinations, changes to qualifications, advanced examination information which will be available from the 7th February and revision techniques. If you have a general question you would like addressed during the evening please can you complete the reply slip below and return it to your child's form tutor. If you have a specific question pertinent to your child please do contact exams@taptonschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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Please return to your child's form tutor.

Name of Student _____ Form _____

Question: _____



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