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Dear parent/carer

I would like to start by thanking you all for your patience whilst the Government clarifies the expectations for our year 11 students this summer. It has been a long process for headteachers across the country, including myself, working to ensure that this year's cohort of Year 11 students get the best possible support with their qualifications, bearing in mind the significant disruption they have already experienced. I can assure you that all staff at the Academy have worked alongside exam boards and other colleagues to gain the best outcomes.

The Department for Education and Ofqual have now provided the final concessions that students will receive for their exams in May/June 2022. Below is a summary of these:

Subject	Award Body	Adaptation
Art, Craft and Design	AQA	Students assessed through their portfolio only, no exam.
Photography	AQA	Students assessed through their portfolio only, no exam.
Geography	AQA	Optionality introduced for Paper 2 Fieldwork not required Familiar fieldwork questions removed from Paper 3 There are no changes to Paper 1: Living with the physical environment
Science: Combined Trilogy	AQA	Advanced information provided on the assessed and non-assessed topics Biology - some topics removed from paper 1 and paper 2. Information has been provided on the focus of the required practical assessments. Chemistry - Information has been provided on the focus of the required practical assessments. Physics - A revised equation sheet is being provided. A small number of topics removed from paper 1 and 2. Information has been provided on the focus of the required practical assessments.

English Language	AQA	Paper 1 and Paper 2 will be exactly the same as they have been in previous series. There are no modifications to the style and format of the question papers or the mark schemes. Paper 2 reading focus: Source A - 21st century, autobiographical writing, Source B: 19th century, essay Paper 2 Writing focus question 5 - article.
English Literature	AQA	Total examination time reduced from 4 hours to 3 hours 25 minutes
History	OCR B	Students will be assessed on three out of the four remaining studies: the thematic study, history around us, the period study and the world depth study. Centres are free to choose which three to study
Spanish	AQA	Optionality for Paper 4 (Writing) Paper 4 (Writing) exam time extended by 5 minutes No requirement for vocabulary outside specification Speaking tests to take place as normal
Mathematics	EDEXCEL	Students will be given a formula sheet provided by the exam board

Whilst there is wide variety across the subjects, this does go some way to recognising the absence that students have experienced.

Now there is clarity around expectations we are now able to focus on supporting the students with structured revision, teaching specific units and providing extensive exam preparation guidance throughout the remaining time at the Academy. I am sure that with this level of support the students will be successful with their outcomes and subsequent pathways.

Many thanks for your continued support

Yours sincerely



Ms L Boorman
Principal