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Dear parents and carers

## **Updates to examinations – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

We hope that you and your families are well at this time.

Ofqual have released important information regarding public examinations for the summer series 2022. To support students who have been affected by Covid-19, Ofqual have given guidance on examinations including focus topics, text types and formulae sheets that can be taken into the examinations.

Whilst like most schools, we would have preferred this information sooner, we have planned for a rapid response at this time to ensure that our year 10 students are well prepared for their GCSE Biology and English Language Exams this summer.

### **Biology Exam Updates**

All pupils will be given a topic booklet that details the content that is; being assessed, not being assessed, and may appear in low tariff questions or via 'linked' questions. Linked questions are those that bring together knowledge, skills and understanding from across the specification.

### **English Language Exam Updates**

#### **Component 2: 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional Writing**

<b><u>Section A 19th and 21st Century Non-Fiction Reading</u></b>	
<b>Text 1 (21st century)</b>	<b>Text 2 (19th century)</b>
Newspaper article	Extract from a non-fiction book

<b><u>Section B Transactional/Persuasive Writing</u></b>	
Formal letter	Magazine article

Mock Exams will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March (Biology) and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March (English). These exams will give students the opportunity to experience first-hand, the organisational skills required when sitting the summer examinations.

These examinations will produce a valuable snap shot of where students' current learning sits in relation to the Ofqual guidance. The analysis of the mock examinations will allow a rapid response to plug any gaps in knowledge. After the mock exams there is a 7 week countdown until the summer examinations which will take place on; Biology- 17<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> June and English Language- 18<sup>th</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> June.





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Staff will use the data gained from the mocks to plan a comprehensive road map that covers any areas of weakness. The Year 10 team will also send out regular updates to outline any important information.

Within this period, we will work with our students to prepare them for the summer examinations in Biology and English Language, the details of which are below:

- PET-Xi targeted revision days.
- Revision and Exam Technique Workshops in tutor time.
- Period 6 revision with subject teachers after school.
- Easter holiday sessions with subject staff for additional revision.
- Targeted tutor time intervention sessions.

Any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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