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Dear Students & Parents / Carers

The Government exams regulator, Ofqual, has published information on how the exams in 2022 will be adapted due to the impact of the pandemic. They have also issued guidance on the contingency plan in the unlikely event exams cannot take place. The Ofqual Chief Regulator, Jo Saxton, has written a letter to students that can be accessed here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

In summary, these decisions mean that for summer 2022:

1. There will be optional topics and content in GCSE English literature, history and geography.
2. Centres will be allowed to deliver practical work in GCSE biology, chemistry, physics, combined science by demonstration.
3. Centres will be allowed to assess the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC) across the minimum number of practical activities required to enable students to demonstrate their competence in A level biology, chemistry and physics.
4. Students taking GCSE, AS and A level art and design will be assessed on their portfolio only.
5. Exam boards will provide advance information about the focus of the content of the exams for all GCSE, AS and A level subjects (except GCSE English literature, history and geography) for the summer 2022 exams. The advance information will be provided by 7th February 2022 at the latest. This will enable teachers to plan to adapt their teaching in the second half of the spring term if necessary.
6. Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE mathematics in summer 2022.
7. Students will be given a revised equation sheet for GCSE physics and combined science in summer 2022, covering all the equations required in the subject content.
8. Teachers and students should assume exams will go ahead, however, schools should systematically collect evidence *should* a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) be needed in the future. The TAG process will look very similar to last year.

I will keep you updated if further information becomes available.

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