

8 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer and Student

**Re: Year 11 Examinations 2022 and Year 11 Mentoring + Programme 2021/2022**

This year students celebrated some fantastic GCSE and BTEC results. This is a tribute to our hardworking students and committed staff during an unprecedented academic year.

**Year 11 Exams 2022**

The summer examination series 2022 is scheduled to take place culminating in GCSE results day which is confirmed as 25 August 2022. The examination series is provisionally scheduled over the period from 16 May to 29 June 2022. Please ensure that holidays are not planned prior to the provisional end date for Year 11 students.

Alongside the announcement of the above dates from the Department for Education and Ofqual consultation, several adaptations to the summer 2022 examinations series were announced. Two of those are advance information on the focus of examination content and reduced content in some subjects. The consultation outcome can be read through the link [Adaptations in 2022 summer exams to ensure fairness for students - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/adaptations-in-2022-summer-exams-to-ensure-fairness-for-students). This information has been summarised and can be viewed by students and parents through the presentation on the home page of the website, Exams Briefing 2022.

If significant changes must be made due to national restrictions it is felt that the most appropriate contingency would be teacher assessed grades (TAGs) as seen in 2021. However, there is a current DfE and Ofqual consultation open until 13 October 2022.

**Year 11 Mentoring+ Programme**

We endeavour to encourage all our students to be independent learners and never has this been more important. Many students are already well equipped for independent learning and, therefore, mentoring will be an opportunity to reflect on the success of recent work and to support them in their preparation for examinations. For those students who are still developing independent learning skills, mentoring will provide an opportunity for a coaching conversation to identify barriers and areas to further improve. The scheme provides students with a professional Mentor who will support the learning process and assist students in prioritising and organising their work. Students will meet with their mentor a minimum of four times during the academic year with regular updates throughout the year. These mentoring sessions have already begun to take place.

Year 11 will also be offered a programme of revision sessions which are subject specific and targeted at skills or content. Time with subject specialists is known to have a positive impact on the progress students can make. There are three sets of revision sessions during the academic year, which have been designed to be delivered to individuals depending on their current progress and need. Students will be asked to attend different revision sessions and may not be invited to the first set taking place between 11 October 2021 and 3 December 2021. Students and parents can check booked revision sessions by logging on to the school website under the home page using a Firefly log-in. Instructions are listed on the website [The Kings of Wessex Academy, Cheddar \(kowessex.co.uk\)](https://www.kowessex.co.uk).

Early revision, alongside homework can help to avoid unnecessary stress or examination nerves later.

**Year 11 Preparation for Success Evening**

There will be a Year 11 Preparation for Success Evening on Thursday 4 November at 6.00pm in the school hall which will provide parents with further advice and tips to support your child with their preparations for their Pre-Public Exams (PPEs). More information will follow.

Please continue to help support your child with homework and routines which facilitate effective and regular study.

Thank you in anticipation of your support during this academic year. If you have any further questions, please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely



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