

Dear Parent/Carers

7 May 2021

Year 7-10 Exams

We are aware of the impact that COVID-19 and the extended periods of lockdown have had on the knowledge and learning of the students. Therefore, we are making changes to the exams for Years 7 to 10 at the end of this year. Please see below. We will be producing exam timetables for students soon and will hand these out in form groups. Students will also be having exam launch assemblies where we will discuss the process of exams and give strategies for revision.

Week Beginning	Year Group	Year Group and Subjects	Arrangements
7 June	Year 7	English, Maths and Science	In classrooms Access arrangements will be provided for students with extra time, readers, scribes
14 June	Year 10	All subjects Except First GCSE, Short Course RE and English for those who did early English Around 6 exams per student	In exam halls Access arrangements will be provided for students with extra time, separate rooms, readers, scribes We will be using GCSE past-papers
28 June	Year 9	English, Maths, Science, RE, First GCSE and some option subjects Students will only need to do an option subject exam if they have chosen to take that subject in Year 10. Around 7 exams per student	In exam halls Access arrangements will be provided for students with extra time, separate rooms, readers, scribes All papers will be less than an hour long
5 July	Year 8	English, Maths and Science	In classrooms Access arrangements will be provided for students with extra time, readers, scribes

ShowMyHomework

We can also now confirm that we will be returning to ShowMyHomework for the setting of all homework from Monday 10 May. Many staff will still be using Teams to hold resources, and to facilitate the submission and marking of work, but all tasks will be signposted on SMH.

Covid-19 Testing

Thank you for helping us by testing your children at home. We would ask that you continue to do this. The government and the local council need a clear picture of COVID-19 rates within the community and therefore all test results, including negative test results should be reported. This will help in monitoring the spread of the virus, combat the virus and therefore save lives. It also enables support to be given to communities across the UK.

Reporting your result to NHS: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Reporting your result to School: <https://forms.office.com/r/FsccsjjRiB> or click on the QR code



If you test positive or are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, please do not attend school and arrange a PCR test at your local testing station.

If you have previously tested positive, there is no requirement to test for 90 days from the date of the positive result.

Test and Trace support payments (£50) are available to eligible parents/carers who are asked to isolate because their child needs to self-isolate - <https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Thomson', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Thomson
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