



Tuesday 16th November, 2021

### Year 11 & 13 Exams 2022 Update

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Last week we saw the publication of the contingency arrangements for GCSE, AS and A levels in Summer 2022. Although the government remains firmly committed to exams going ahead in summer 2022, they have set out what arrangements will be needed as a back up, in case this is not possible. The plans were as expected, and fall in line with the arrangements we have made for assessments this academic year.

Key points from the guidance are as follows:

1. If exams have to be cancelled in Summer 2022, grades will be determined using Teacher Assessed Grades [TAGs].
2. Students should be assessed in Autumn Term 2 / Spring Term / Summer Term 1.
3. Students should be assessed in exam-like conditions, with no prior knowledge of the questions set and they should not have access to revision notes during the assessment.
4. For GCSE Maths, Physics & Combined Science, pupils should have access to formulae & equation sheets, once these have been published by the examination boards.
5. Students should not resit assessments to improve their grades.
6. Original assessment materials / scripts should be retained by school - copies can be issued to pupils.
7. Assessments should be set using past papers or exam style questions & marked in line with exam board guidance.
8. Pupils must be made aware, before taking an assessment, that their performance will be used as part of the TAG evidence.
9. NEAs should be completed wherever possible.

An immediate point for pupils and parents to be aware of is the importance of the forthcoming trial exams as these will be pupils' Autumn Term 2 assessment slots [reference point 2] and therefore, if required, used as part of the TAG evidence. Once we have agreed dates for the Spring and Summer assessment slots we will write to you again with this information.

#### Trial Exams Key Information

- A copy of the timetable can be found here: [FINAL MOCK TIMETABLE.pdf](#)
- Exams will take place in the Main Hall / Gym / Library.
- When pupils are not in exams, they should be in their timetabled classroom working on personal revision.
- All exams will start at 9am & 1pm, except on Tuesdays & Fridays, when morning exams will begin at 9.45am to allow pupils to attend extended pastoral.

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**Year 11 Specific Information**

- On the 9th November Mrs Lennox shared several updates and supporting materials in the run up to our trial examinations.
- Please use the links below to access these materials if you have not done so already.

Letter to Parents:

<https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Mock-Exam-Support-Letter.pdf>

Revision Support Pack:

<https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Mock-Examinations-Revision-Support-Pack-2.pdf>

Planning to Perform Support Pack:

<https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/1.-Start-of-Year-11-Support-Pack.pdf>

**Year 13 Specific Information**

- All students have been provided with revision planning tools
- Students are expected in school for exams, otherwise can revise at home. Details are outlined in the letter to parents below

Letter to Parents:

[https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Year-13-Trial-Examinations-Letter-12\\_11\\_2021.pdf](https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Year-13-Trial-Examinations-Letter-12_11_2021.pdf)

I hope this letter has been helpful and managed to explain the key points and our approach to the contingency requirements. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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