The background of the slide is a blurred photograph of a desk. It features a pair of black-rimmed glasses resting on a stack of books. A red pen is visible in the lower-left corner, and a white pen is in the lower-right. The entire scene is dimly lit, creating a professional and academic atmosphere.

Y11 Exam Changes

A briefing focused on the changes to exams outlined by the Government last week.

Gavin Williamson's Speech

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said:

- Exams are the best way of giving young people the opportunity to show what they can do which is why it's so important they take place next summer.



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- But this isn't business as usual. I know students are facing unprecedented disruption to their learning. That's why exams will be different next year, taking exceptional steps to ensure they are as fair as possible.



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Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said:

- I am determined to support students, parents and teachers in these unprecedented times and hope measures like more generous grading and advance notice of some topic areas will give young people the clarity and confidence they need to achieve every success.





Exam Measures

The measures recognise that while teachers have gone above and beyond to support their pupils during a difficult period, some young people have had their teaching disrupted more than others and will need extra support to catch up on the curriculum and achieve their potential in exams.



Missed Exams

The Government has also developed a series of contingency measures with Ofqual that will mean, even if students miss one or more exams due to self-isolation or sickness but have still completed a proportion of their qualification they will still receive a grade.



Missed Exams

If a student misses all their assessments in a subject, they will have the opportunity to sit a contingency paper held shortly after the main exams.

In the extreme case where a student has a legitimate reason to miss all their papers, then a validated teacher informed assessment can be used, only once all chances to sit an exam have passed.

Overview of Changes

So, in recognition of the challenges faced by students this year, grades will be more generous, students will be given advance notice of some topic areas, and steps will be taken to ensure every student receives a grade, even if they miss a paper due to self-isolation or illness.

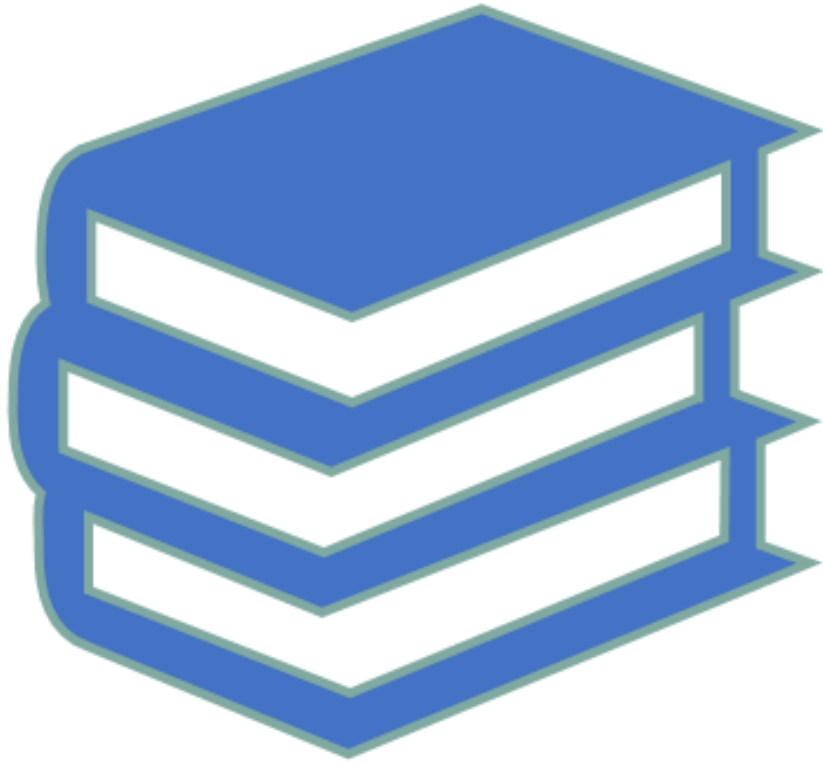




Outlined Changes to the Summer Exams

Building on the three-week delay to exams to free up extra teaching time announced in October, the new measures include the following changes that are outlined on the following slides.

Outlined Changes to the Summer Exams 1



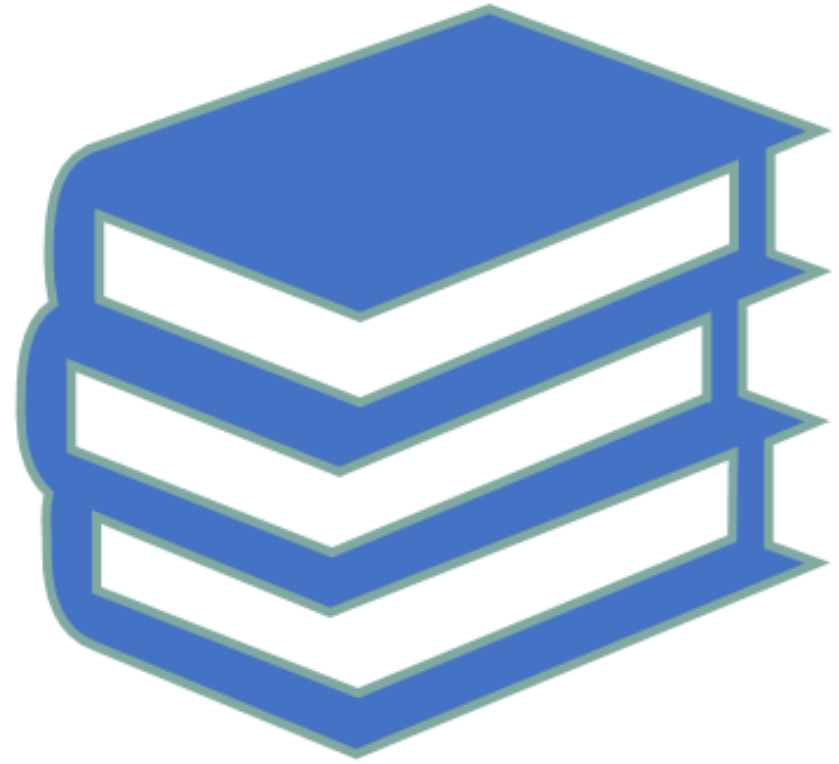
Students will be granted more generous grading than usual, in line with national outcomes from 2020, so students this year are not disadvantaged.

Grading will be in line with the previous year.

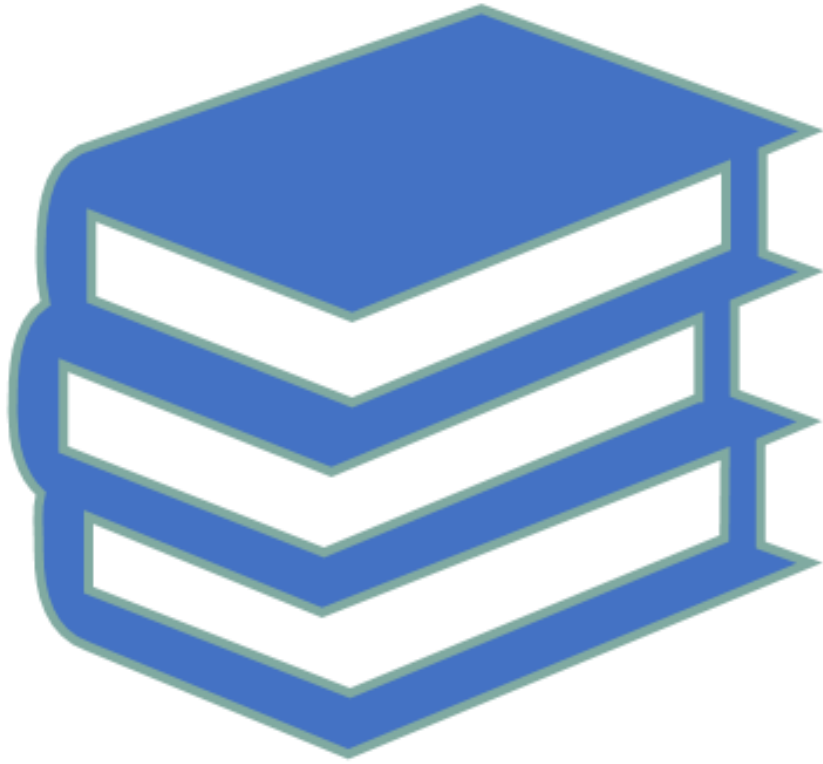
Outlined Changes to the Summer Exams 2

Students will receive advance notice of some topic areas covered in GCSE, AS and A levels to focus revision.

How this will be done is yet to be explained in detail.



Outlined Changes to the Summer Exams 3

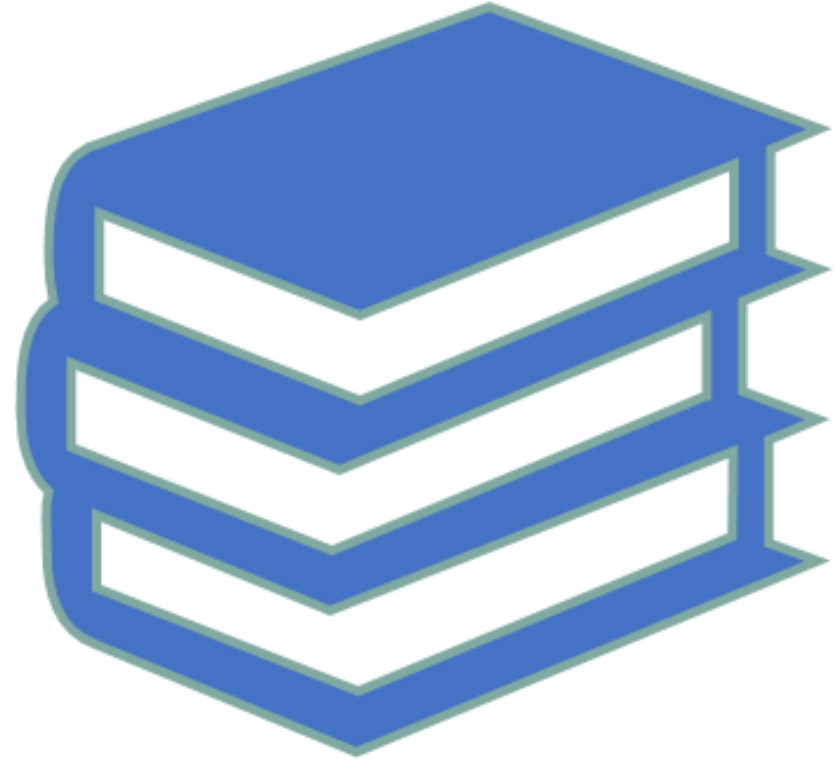


Students will be allowed exam aids in some exams - like formula sheets.

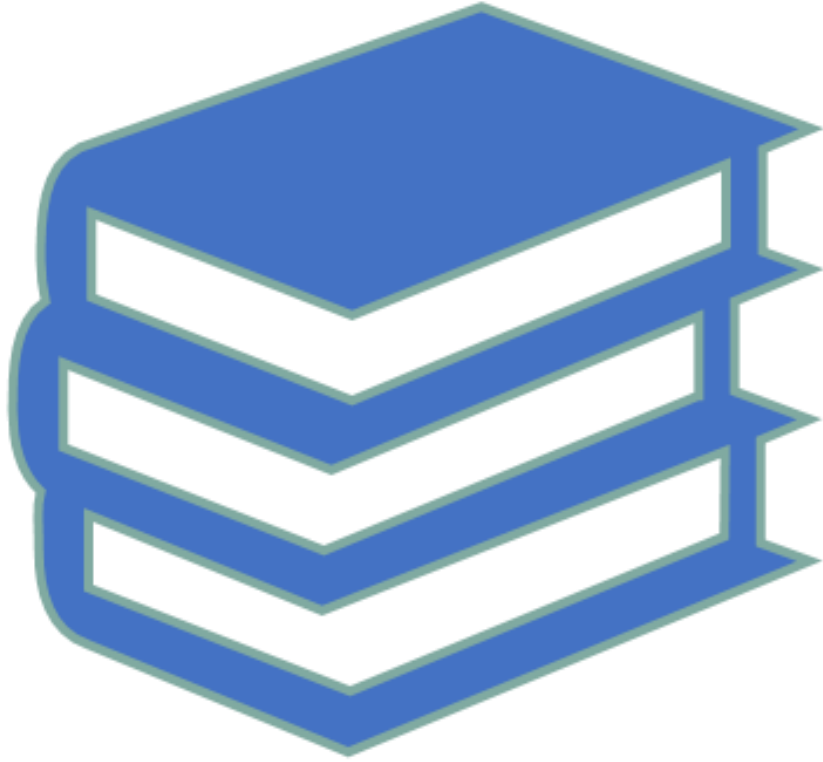
These exam aids will be provided in some exams giving students more confidence and reducing the amount of information they need to memorise.

Outlined Changes to the Summer Exams 4

There will be additional exams, where necessary, to give students a second chance to sit a paper if the main exams or assessments are missed due to illness or self-isolation



Outlined Changes to the Summer Exams 5



There will also be a new expert group to look at differential learning and monitor the variation in the impact of the pandemic on students across the country.

The government understands that different regional areas have been impacted upon to varying degrees during the current school year.

Further Details



The Government will set out further detail on this process, and on adaptations to exams, in the new year.

We will inform you as and when this is presented to us.

Mock Examinations

- Our current plan for the January mock examinations is as follows:
- The Y11 mock examinations will take place across the week commencing the 18th of January.
- There will be one exam in the morning and one exam in the afternoon.
- The exams will use the hall and the dance and drama studio.
- PLEASE NOTE, students are to stay in the same desk for the entire week.
- Listening tests will be completed in classrooms.

Mock Examinations Timetable

	Monday 18 Jan	Tuesday 19 Jan	Wednesday 20 Jan	Thursday 21 Jan	Friday 22 Jan
P1&2 90mins Line up 8.45am	English	11 S Hi Gg Fr Sp	11R OP - lesson le - lesson En - lesson Hi Gg Fr Sp	Mathematics	Science
At the end of the exam – registration time then break at 10.50 - 11.10	P3 – in registration rooms – revision time – bring resources				
P4&5 90 mins Line up 12.45pm Lunch moved to 12.10 for the week	11 Option X Art – Art Room As – lesson Be Da – lesson (comp room) Dt Co En - lesson Hs – lesson Mu Pe Tx - lesson	11Re	Science	11 Option Y Art - Art room Be Child Dev Co Dr Dt En - lesson Gg Hs – lesson Mu Op - lesson Pe	Lessons