



# BRIDLINGTON SCHOOL

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## Exams in 2022 – everything you need to know

Dear Parent/Carer,

Next year, students will sit exams. The Department for Education alongside all schools in the country recognise that students have faced disruption over the last two years and measures have been taken to ensure students aren't disadvantaged.

The Department for Education have made the decision to bring exams back as "they are the best and fairest for of assessment". Over the Summer they ran a consultation with the exams regulator Ofqual on what adaptations should be made to GCSEs, A levels and BTECs in 2022 in response to the pandemic.

The consultation gathered more than 6000 responses from teachers, parents and students. The results showed that more than 90% of students and parents were in favour of giving advance information on the focus of exams next summer to support students with revision.

The outcomes of the consultation have determined that students will benefit from a range of adaptations to Summer Exams so they can reach their potential following the disruption they have faced and be released in February 2022. They include:

- A choice of topics or content on which students will be assessed in GCSE English literature, history, ancient history and geography.
- Providing advance information on the focus of exams to support students' revision in subjects where there is not a choice of topics.
- Giving students formulae sheets in GCSE maths and revised equation sheets in GCSE combined science and physics.
- Changing requirements for practical science work and practical art and design assessments to ensure fairness.

For Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQs) such as BTEC courses it is also the Government's firm intention that exams and assessments should go ahead. Where adaptations have been confirmed, following consultation, our school will be made aware by each awarding organisation.

Whilst it is the Government's firm intention for exams to go ahead in 2022 it is right for contingency plans to be place in the event they cannot. Ofqual and the Department for Education plan for Teacher Assessment Grades to be used if exams are cancelled. It is therefore our intention to



collect evidence for all students sitting exams to support us in awarding Teacher Assessment Grades should they be required.

For exams that are sat next year there are also adjustments being made to grading. 2022 will be a transition year to reflect that we are in a pandemic recovery period and students' education has been disrupted. In 2022 the aim, therefore, will be to move grading to a point close to midway between 2021 and 2019 (2019 was the last time formal exams were sat). In 2022, Ofqual aims to return to results that are in line with pre-pandemic years.

All GCSE and A level exams will take place between 16<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and it is vital that your child is in school to sit these exams. A level result day will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and GCSE results day on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

If you any questions or queries please contact the school office via [office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk](mailto:office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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