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Dear Parents/ Carers and Students of Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13

### **Qualifications and Exams in 2022**

We are writing to you regarding the exams and contingency plans for Summer 2022.

It is our current expectation from the Department for Education that GCSE, vocational, AS and A level exams will take place in Summer 2022 as in a normal year and students will receive grades from the exam boards as in a usual year. Ofqual have given assurances that the exams taking place this year will take into account the challenging couple of years students across the country have faced.

For the past two years, when we have had lockdowns disrupting the school year, we as a school were required to provide teacher assessed grades (TAGs) based on evidence from moderated and internally assessed exams and assignments. Ofqual have informed all schools that if exams cannot take place again this year, we will use Teacher Assessed Grades. That is currently the government's 'back up' plan and it is their intention to have exams as normal, so we expect that this will be the case.

However, if for any reason exams cannot take place, we may be required to produce Teacher Assessed Grades. If we are required to do this, we would use a range of evidence across each student's time studying to inform our judgements and these may include:

For Year 11:

- Y10 Mock Exams
- September baseline assessments
- Y11 December Mock Exams
- Spring term assessments in class
- External assessments, e.g. vocational units that have been sat
- Coursework (in relevant subjects)
- Any other closed book assessments completed during the course

For Year 12:

- December Mock Exams
- Spring term assessments in class
- External assessments, e.g. vocational units that have been sat
- April second mock assessments
- Coursework (in relevant subjects)
- Any other closed book assessments completed during the course

For Year 13:

- Y12 End of Year UCAS assessments
- December Mock Exams
- Spring term assessments in class
- External assessments, e.g. vocational units that have been sat, or AS grades where relevant
- April second mock assessments
- Coursework (in relevant subjects)
- Any other closed book assessments completed during the course

In the event that we have to produce TAGs we would inform students which evidence we would be using for each qualification.

At present it seems very likely that exams will go ahead in the Summer term – the main exam season starts on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Therefore, we would urge all students in Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 to be revising exam content every day after school so as to get the best possible grade in the exams. As parents and carers, please support the students in doing this work by monitoring their work and motivating them towards their goals.

More information will be shared with students in February when we will have further information about the exams in the summer term.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions - please email [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk).

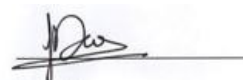
Yours sincerely,



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