



THE PRIORY ACADEMY  
**LSST**

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

In the same manner that last year we sought to keep you informed of all the proposed changes that would take place due to the pandemic, we now share with you the outcome of the consultation on proposed changes to assessments for next summer's examinations.

In summary, Ofqual quote the following for summer 2022:

- 1. There will be optional topics and content in GCSE English literature, history, ancient history and geography. Ofqual will require exam boards to change how they assess these subjects to reflect the expected changes to the way the subject content is assessed, as proposed in the consultation.*
- 2. Centres will be allowed to deliver practical work in GCSE biology, chemistry, physics, combined science, geology and astronomy, AS level biology, chemistry, physics and geology, and AS and A level environmental science by demonstration. We would encourage centres to continue to make available hands-on practical activities for their students wherever possible. This does not require changes to the assessment arrangements that the exam boards have in place for each of these specifications.*
- 3. Centres will be allowed to assess the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC) across the minimum number of practical activities required to enable students to demonstrate their competence in A level biology, chemistry, physics and geology.*
- 4. Exam boards can carry out remote monitoring of centres' application of the CPAC.*
- 5. Students taking GCSE, AS and A level art and design will be assessed on their portfolio only.*
- 6. Exam boards will provide advance information about the focus of the content of the exams for all GCSE, AS and A level subjects (except GCSE English literature, history, ancient history and geography) for the summer 2022 exams. The advance information will meet the principles set out in the consultation document.*
- 7. The policy intention of providing advance information is that it will support students' revision. Therefore, the DfE has confirmed that advance information will be provided by 7 February 2022 at the latest. This will enable teachers to plan to adapt their teaching in the second half of the spring term if necessary. DfE has also decided to retain the flexibility for advance information to be deployed at other points ahead of 7 February 2022 if circumstances require. At least a week's notice will be given if it is decided that advance information will be released earlier than 7 February 2022.*
- 8. Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE mathematics in summer 2022. Exam boards will provide copies of the formulae sheet for use in teaching and to ensure that students are familiar with it prior to the exams. Clean copies of the formulae sheet will be provided in the exams.*
- 9. Students will be given a revised equation sheet for GCSE physics and combined science in summer 2022, covering all the equations required in the subject content. Exam boards will provide copies of the equation sheet for use in teaching and to ensure that students are familiar with it prior to the exams. Clean copies of the equation sheet will be provided in the exams.*

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The full feedback can be found here:

[Proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

For those of you participating in the forthcoming Y11 Parents' Evening on the 14<sup>th</sup> October, please do bear in mind that staff will have no further information than that which is published here. If, or when we receive further updates, we will endeavour to keep you informed.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteachers

