



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

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Dear Year 13 Students and their Parents/Carers

We thought it helpful to summarise the planned changes to the assessment of each A Level subject. Our Subject Leaders have already considered these changes and how they will be built into our curriculum plans. Where relevant, subject teachers will explain the changes to students during lessons.

As detailed in the e-mail (to which this document is attached), the examination boards will provide advance information on the focus of the content of the Summer 2022 examinations for the majority of subjects at A Level, with the aim of supporting students' revision. This advance information will be available on the exam boards' public websites by 7 February 2022. Once available, our Subject Leaders will ensure they plan a focused period of revision that best prepares students for the Summer 2022 examinations.

Students and parents/carers may also wish to know that the A Level results day has been confirmed as **Thursday 18 August 2022**.

Subject (exam board and subject code)	Changes to Exams & NEA (coursework) for Summer 2022
Biology (AQA 7402)	There are no changes to the content or format of the written examinations. Students should aim to complete the specified practicals. However, if circumstances mean this is not possible students can still be awarded a pass if they have demonstrated competence in all aspects of the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC).
Chemistry (OCR H432)	There are no changes to the content or format of the written examinations. Students should aim to complete the specified practicals. However, if circumstances mean this is not possible students can still be awarded a pass if they have demonstrated competence in all aspects of the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC).
Computer Science (OCR H446)	There are no changes to the content or format of the written examination or the NEA task.
Drama & Theatre (AQA 7262)	There are no changes to the content or format of the written examination. Component 2: Creating original drama Students will now be able to complete a monologue, duologue or group performance for this component. The minimum time for performances has been reduced.

	<p>Component 3: Making theatre Students will now be able to complete a monologue, duologue or group performance for this component. The minimum time for performances has been reduced</p> <p>There will be no visiting examiner to mark the component 3 performance; instead performance recordings will be submitted to the exam board.</p> <p>The reflective report may focus on one, two or three extracts (previously it had to focus on three extracts). Regardless of how many extracts are covered, the word limit remains the same (3000 words). One extract is performed for the examination as usual.</p>
Economics (AQA 7136)	There are no changes to the content or format of the examinations.
English Literature (AQA 7717B)	There are no changes to the content or format of the examinations or NEA tasks.
French (AQA 7652)	There are no changes to the content or format of the written examinations or speaking examination.
Geography (Edexcel 9GE0)	<p>There are no changes to the content or format of the written examinations.</p> <p>Students are not required to undertake 4 days of fieldwork, although some fieldwork is still needed as students must collect and interpret data for their independent investigation (NEA). Data can be collected using virtual or remote fieldwork where necessary.</p>
German (AQA 7662)	There are no changes to the content or format of the written examinations or speaking examination.
History	There are no changes to the content or format of the examinations or NEA task.
Maths (Edexcel 9MA0) and Further Maths (Edexcel 9FM0)	There are no changes to the content or format of the examinations.
Music (AQA 7272)	<p>There are no changes to the content or format of the written examination (component 1).</p> <p>Component.2: Performance Students must perform one or more pieces of music with a combined, minimum duration of at least 3 ½ minutes (previously 10 minutes).</p> <p>Component 3: Composition Students must compose only one piece of music with a duration of at least 2 minutes (previously two pieces totalling at least 4 ½ minutes in length).</p>
Photography (Edexcel 9PY0)	Students are now assessed on only one component. This component consists of their Year 12 skills workshop sketchbook(s), their 'Flaws, Perfection and Ideals' project, their current personal project, their personal essay and a short mini project they will start in January 2022. Students do not have a 15 hour examination at the end of Year 13.
PE (AQA 7582)	<p>There are no changes to the content or format of the written examinations.</p> <p>There are no changes to the requirements for the NEA. The exam board is currently exploring whether external examiners will conduct on-site moderation visits or whether remote moderation will take place using video evidence.</p>

Physics (AQA 7408)	There are no changes to the content or format of the written examinations. Students should aim to complete the specified practicals. However, if circumstances mean this is not possible students can still be awarded a pass if they have demonstrated competence in all aspects of the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC).
Politics (Edexcel 9PL0)	There are no changes to the content or format of the examinations.
Psychology (AQA 7182)	There are no changes to the content or format of the examinations.
Sociology (AQA 7192)	There are no changes to the content or format of the examinations.
Spanish (AQA 7692)	There are no changes to the content or format of the written examinations or speaking examination.

Kind regards



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