



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

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Dear Year 13 Parent/Carer

Year 13 Curriculum, Assessment and Examinations

We hope that your child has made a positive return to school and that they are looking forward to a fulfilling final year at school. We are writing to remind you of some of the assessment requirements of the A Level courses, share important information with regard to access arrangements for public examinations and highlight the timings of Year 13 trial examinations, Consultation Evening and reporting arrangements.

At this time, we are working on the assumption that school examinations and Consultation Evenings will go ahead as planned. However, changes may need to be made as the year progresses, including possible changes to the Assessment & Reporting calendar(s), as necessary.

The online **Year 13 Parents' Evening**, on **Tuesday 22 November**, will provide an opportunity for you to discuss progress to date and the challenges that lie ahead. At the end of this term you will receive a progress update gradesheet, which will contain Attitude to Learning grades (AtL) and teacher forecasts.

Some subjects will be asking students to complete examination practice in lessons between **7 - 25 November**. We are mindful that this cohort has not had the full experience of public examinations and so wish to provide them with as many opportunities as we can. Students will be informed by their subject teachers if this applies to them.

Year 13 trial examinations will take place between **Monday 30 January and Thursday 9 February 2023**. We hope that this timing will allow students, and families, to enjoy the half-term break and that students will return to school with renewed focus and energy.

In **late March 2023** you will receive subject and pastoral reports for your child, which will include the trial examination results, updated forecast and AtL grades.

Non-Examination Assessment (NEA), more commonly referred to as coursework, forms part of the overall assessment in many subjects in the Sixth Form. In order to help our students to achieve their full potential, all requests for absence during periods of coursework will be refused, except in the most exceptional of cases. All Year 13 students will be reminded of the regulations with regard to non-examination assessment.

The following documents, which may be of interest to you, are also available via the school website (*under Parents, then Curriculum, Homework, Assessment & Exams*):

- 'Information for Candidates' documents that are distributed by JCQ on behalf of the examination boards, explaining the regulations with regard to written examinations and non-examination assessment.
- JCQ 'Information for Candidate – Privacy Notice'.

The following policies may also be of interest (*under Parents, then Policies*):

- Non-examination Assessment policy
- Public Examination' policy
- Internal Appeals policy
- Accessibility policy in relation to examinations.

Examination Board	Subjects
AQA	English Literature, Biology, Drama, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Physics, PE, Music, MFL (all)
OCR	Chemistry, Computer Science, D&T, RS
Edexcel	Geography, Art, History, Politics, Photography, Maths, Further Maths

Access arrangements for public examinations are put in place to allow students with special educational needs, a physical disability, a long-term medical condition, a psychological condition or temporary injury to access the examination or assessment. Examples of access arrangements may include a modified examination paper, extra time, supervised rest breaks or a live voice in a listening examination. In general, these must be applied for and agreed well in advance of an assessment. If you believe that the school should be applying for access arrangements on behalf of your child and **we are not currently aware** of any special educational needs, physical disabilities, long-term medical or psychological conditions, please contact Curriculum Support (sendept@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)

Homework

Sixth Form students are expected to manage their own time outside of lessons. Students have timetabled study periods where they are expected to complete independent study and work set by their teachers. They should bring their own devices (laptops, tablets, etc.) to help facilitate this, as computers are not available in all the study spaces.

We thank you for taking the time to read this important information.

Yours sincerely



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