



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

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Dear Year 13 Students and their Parents/Carers

A Level Summer 2023 Update and Key Dates

We are aware that student's immediate priority is their Year 13 trial examinations that start on Monday 30 January. However, we thought it helpful to write now to share some updates and key dates relating to the examinations in the summer.

Update on Summer 2023 A Level examinations

In December, Ofqual published a letter to students and parents/carers. If you have not seen this, you may wish to read it [here](#).

The DfE and Ofqual have also recently confirmed the following:

Schools are required to undertake trial exams under exam conditions and retain students' work. Students upcoming trial exams are, of course, run under exam conditions. The DfE and Ofqual's contingency plan requires that we retain the marked exam papers. Although marked papers will be returned to students so they can be reviewed in class, please note that students will **not** be able to take the papers home.

In the very unlikely event that A Level exams are cancelled in Summer 2023, trial exam grades may be used. There is a clear message from both DfE and Ofqual: exams are expected to go ahead. However, in the very unlikely event that the outcomes of these trial exams need to be used as part of a teacher assessment grading process, we are giving students the opportunity to make us aware of any extenuating circumstances that may have affected their performance. This was explained in Ms Absalom's letter of 4 January but included again below for your convenience.

If students believe that their performance may have been affected by an event that was outside of their control at the time of, or immediately before, the assessment (such as illness, family crisis or bereavement), then **you need to make us aware via [this Google form](#) by Friday 10 February 2023.** This information will not be used to adjust your mark at this time, but will be taken into consideration if A Level examinations are cancelled and we are required to use this assessment as part of the grading process. Please note that you do **not** need to make us aware of clashes between your trial examinations and university interviews; we keep a record of this information.

Key dates

The examination boards have published timetables for the examinations this Summer; these are available on the exam board websites if you wish to know specific dates at this stage.

There are a number of key dates you should be aware of:

- Year 13 students will stand down (go on study leave) from approximately noon on **Friday 12 May 2023**; their final day of lessons will be Thursday 11 May and a stand down celebration will take place on Friday morning. Full details of the stand down procedures will be provided nearer to the time.
- A Level **written examinations** in the subjects taught at Parmiter's **start** on Wednesday 17 May 2023.

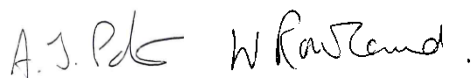
- Practical and oral examinations will take place before written examinations. Dates for these are:
 - **A Level Spanish oral examination:** Friday 28 April
 - **A Level Art examination:** Tuesday 2 - Thursday 4 May 2023
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 - **A Level German oral examination:** Tuesday 9 May 2023
 - **A Level Drama:** to be confirmed. The visiting examiner will issue us with a date for the second half of the Spring term.
 - **A Level PE moderation:** to be confirmed. This usually takes place in April, but the date will be issued to us by the visiting moderator from the exam board.
- The **contingency dates** for **Summer 2023** are:
 - **Afternoon of Thursday 8 June**
 - **Afternoon of Thursday 15 June**
 - **All day on Wednesday 28 June**

These contingency days will be used for any written examinations that need to be rescheduled 'in the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examinations during the Summer 2023 examination series'. **Students should be aware that they may be required to sit examinations at any of these times and must ensure they are available on these dates.** Please specifically note the later date as this falls outside the main window of exams.

- Examination **results** will be released to students on **Thursday 17 August 2023**. Students are **not** required to attend school in person to collect results but must ensure they are able to contact the school should they need advice about their next steps.

Further details related to these key dates will be communicated nearer to the time.

Kind regards



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