



# PARMITER'S SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1681

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Dear Year 11 Students and their Parents/Carers

## **GCSE Summer 2022 contingency plan update & trial exams extenuating circumstances**

As you may be aware, the Department for Education and Ofqual have recently published further details of contingency arrangements for Summer 2022. If examinations cannot go ahead nationally, grades will be determined through teacher assessment. This is not the government's preferred approach and they are firmly committed to examinations going ahead, if at all possible.

Ofqual have recently published this [letter to students](#) that we feel it important to share with you.

With students about to start their trial examinations, our existing assessment schedule covers some of the requirements of the contingency plan. However, it is likely that we will need to provide additional assessment opportunities in the Spring Term, and possibly the Summer Term. We will keep you fully informed of our plans and ensure any assessments are organised such that the experience and feedback help students prepare for their examinations.

### **Extenuating circumstances**

In the (hopefully unlikely) event that the outcomes of the upcoming trial examinations 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 affect their performance.

**If you believe that your performance may be affected by an event that is outside of your 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 17 December 2021.** This Google Form will remain 'live' for the duration of the trial examinations so if an event occurs during the course of the examinations you can let us know.

This information will not be used to adjust your mark at this time, but will be taken into consideration if GCSE examinations are cancelled and we are required to use this assessment as part of the grading process.

Kind regards

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