

Exams, Intervention and Reporting update

Dear Parent /Carer

We would like to inform you about key information and dates that will affect your child in the run up to the summer examinations. With the disruption and uncertainty that has surrounded external examinations in the last two years, we are keen to keep you informed about how we are preparing for this final push before the exams period start.

Reporting

Reports will be published on Thursday 17th February. To access the reports please log onto your Go 4 Schools account.

Further Assessments

A second series of Progress Exams were due to start the week beginning 7th March. We have taken the decision to not hold these in the same format as the Christmas Trial Exams in order to have minimal disruption to teaching time. Students will have a further set of assessments in each of their subjects, however this will be bespoke to each subject and designed to fit the needs of each subject area. Assessments will be sat in the classroom, in a variety of formats and over a longer period of time. Specific information regarding when these assessments will happen and the content students will need to focus their revision on will be shared directly with students in their lessons. During this period, homework will be focused on revision tasks for those subjects taking assessments. Subject teachers will also add the dates of assessments to Go 4 Schools as a homework task so that you can help support your child to prepare for each assessment.

Department for Education guidance

The Department for Education have released information about how exams and grading will work for the Summer 2022 exam series. Please click on this [link](#) for further information.

Following the DfE guidance, each exam board have released advanced information ahead of the summer exams to help guide and prioritise revision. We are currently using this information, to refine our revision materials and will provide students with further guidance via teams next half term.

Intervention

Subject staff have been using results from recent Progress Exams to structure learning for the next half term, specific intervention programs have been designed that include after school intervention sessions. Subject leaders will send email invites to students who have not yet reached their target grade and invite them to specific sessions. If a student is invited to several intervention sessions after school, they will have the opportunity to plan a schedule with their tutor or Progress Leader next half term. If a student has not received an invite and would like to attend after school intervention, they must speak to their subject teacher before attending.

Once we return after half term, we will have approximately ten school weeks to focus students on preparing for end of course assessments. We are encouraging students to act upon advice given in reports and use the guidance from staff and the school website to plan their revision accordingly. A thorough plan that is actioned will reduce anxiety and ensure that students enter exams confident they have tried their very best.

Exams Information

For further information about exams, exam support and subject specific guidance please refer to the exams section of the school website by clicking on the following link [Exams Information](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

The Arthur Terry Exams and Data Team