



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the winter term, I am writing with some important information for the weeks ahead.

January Mock Examinations – Year 13

The government continues to be very clear that students entering A levels or BTECs in 2022 should expect to take exams in the summer and complete any non-exam assessments in the usual way. It is imperative that students are well prepared for the January mock examinations.

If exams had to be cancelled in summer 2022, Ofqual has stated that students' grades would instead be determined by their teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) approach similar to that used in summer 2021. TAGs are based on teachers' assessment of their students' work. If TAGs are required, the January mock examinations will form part of the evidence to support this process. Mock examinations would not be the only evidence used and the grades students receive in their mock examinations are not final TAGs.

Students will be assessed on a range of content, from across the assessment objectives in the qualification. As usual, teachers will mark the assessments in line with published exam board mark schemes and guidance. Students taking art and design qualifications will continue to work on their non-exam assessments, no additional assessments are needed. To help them to prepare, students have been given advance information about the focus of the content of the exams.

To support their revision, students will be able to study at home from Monday 17th January until Friday 28th January 2022 (inclusive). A copy of the examination timetable is available on our website and can be viewed [here](#). Please ensure that your child is aware of the dates and times of their exams. It is rare for students to make a mistake and miss the start of an exam but it can happen, so an extra pair of eyes checking ahead each day can only help.

Please pay particular attention to whether the examination is in the morning (9.00 am start) or the afternoon (1.30 pm start). We recommend that students arrive in school at least 10 minutes before the start of the examination.

Following morning and afternoon examinations, students may return home to study. However, if your child wishes to study in school, they will be expected to sign in at the Main Reception. Students who wish to use a bus service to return home will be able to wait in the Sixth Form Centre until 3.40 pm.

When students arrive for their assessments, they must be in full school uniform. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Bamber (Head of Year 13) if we can offer further assistance.

End of term arrangements – Year 12 and 13

On Wednesday 22nd December, students with a study period during the final lesson of the day (1:40 – 2:40) have permission to leave the site at 12:40 and study from home. A limited lunch service will be available for students remaining in school for the final lesson of the term.

And finally...

There has been excellent representation from Sixth Form students at a wide range of enrichment events so far this year with House Plays and the Christmas Concert being particular highlights. These events showcased our students at their best; caring, committed and exemplary role models for our school community.

Should you wish to discuss any element of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school contact details. I wish every person connected with our Sixth Form a happy and healthy festive period.

Yours faithfully,



Simon Carnwell
Assistant Head Teacher
Head of Sixth Form