



# Clacton County High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENT/CARERS OF YEAR 11 STUDENTS**

Your son/daughter is now into their second half term of their final year and we wanted to update you on a few important milestones coming up.

### **Reports:**

Your child's first report of year 11 has been given to them today and it is accessible via Go4Schools (details on how to access this portal can be found [here](#)). As you know, the last couple of years have been extremely challenging for everyone. All students across the UK have had their education disrupted so the government has advised that this year's results nationally will fall somewhere between the 2019 and the 2021 results overall. This means they are making allowances for the disruption.

This does, however, make predicting final outcomes for individual students even more challenging than usual. Your child's teacher has used all of the information provided by the government along with class work and assessments to arrive at the predicted grades.

### **Exams:**

Currently the summer exams are scheduled to go ahead and the DfE has said "Next year, students will sit exams, but we recognise they have faced disruption over the last two years and we've taken measures to make sure they aren't disadvantaged." These measures include giving some subjects a choice of topics or content on which students will be assessed and giving students formulae/equation sheets for subjects such as maths and science. We are waiting on exactly what these will look like and have been promised the information by 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

However, as the pandemic has proved so unpredictable the DfE has also been consulting on a contingency plan should exams have to be cancelled. Their proposal is that "if exams are cancelled, grades will be determined through teacher assessment". With this as a possibility we have delivered this information to all students via an assembly this week and the message is clear that "every lesson counts!"

**2021/22 KS4 Mock Examinations** - The first mock exam window will be between Thursday, 9th to 15th December 2021, although a few exams will fall outside of this period. A detailed timetable for these mock examinations can be accessed via this [link](#).

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Mock exams are an important part of the preparation for GCSEs as they will not only provide a crucial opportunity to prepare for the summer, but will help gauge progress and the individual student priorities for moving forward and inform any required teacher assessed grade (TAG).

To reiterate, should the summer exams be cancelled, outcomes from the mock exams will contribute to the evidence required by teachers to inform teacher assessed grades (TAG). Therefore, now, more so than ever, it is vitally important that your child prepares well, attends all lessons and mock exams, according to their schedule.

In order to prepare we have published an overview for each subject which details the topics that will be assessed and this can be found [here](#).

If your child is unable to attend due illness, such as Covid, and you are able to supply medical evidence for any absence, an opportunity will be provided for them to re-sit the exam during the first week back in January.

The English language mock exam is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, the Spanish speaking mock exams will be held during the w/c 29<sup>th</sup> November and the rest are in December as per the mock timetable included with this letter. You will see that there are periods between the mock exams of independent study as we recognise that some students are able to revise better at home, whereas others may not have a suitable space to study. Should you feel your child would benefit from independent study in school we will provide supervised study rooms that have access to a computer. If you would like your child to have any supervised independent study time in school please complete the attached [google form](#) so that we are able to ensure all students have this facility. If you are happy that your child completes their independent study at home then you do not need to complete this form.

Revision:

Students, in the run up to the mocks, will be shown during tutor time some revision strategies and be able to practice using these. As parents, if you would like to support them in their revision we are hosting a "How to Help Your Child Revise" evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to join us with your child please sign-up using this [link](#). Please note places are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

If you require any additional information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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