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Dear Parent

Re: Examinations Summer 2023

Last week, the DfE, Ofqual and JCO released joint confirmation of the policy decisions for examinations next summer. Their aim was to set out the arrangements for grading next summer, to provide clarity for students, teachers, schools, colleges, universities and other users of qualifications.

The summer of 2022 was a big step back towards normality and the plans for 2023 are designed to go a step further, whilst also recognising the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The plans include:

- The grade profile for GCSEs and A levels in 2023 will return to the 2019 grade profile, as expected, with an additional safety net to ensure that overall grades are not lower than in 2019 (as one might expect them to be, if the performance standard is lower).
- This means that at a cohort-level, students have the same chance of getting an A*, A, C, etc in 2023 as they would have had in 2019.
- Examinations in Vocational and Technical Qualifications will be graded in a similar way.
- For UCAS, teachers should use pre-pandemic standards as the basis for predicted grades.
- Formula sheets in GCSE Mathematics, Physics and Combined Science are due to be kept for 2023. There is a consultation on this [here](#).
- The other adaptations, including advanced information, will not continue this year.
- JCO has published its draft timetable. This includes spaces between the first and last qualification, though not always 10 days as this related to the isolation period at the time the 2022 timetable was published.
- The minimum criteria for special consideration for candidates who are absent at the time of the examination will continue to be one component completed in the subject (either examination or NEA), rather than 25% of the assessment framework for a subject.



More information about this can be found by using the link below:

[Ofqual - Examinations 2023](#)

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mrs Harrison-Forsyth.

Yours sincerely

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