



7th March 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Y13 Key Updates

Quick read:

1. We strongly believe that examinations will go ahead this summer and are preparing our students for this. Students will not sit additional formal assessments before the summer unless we are required to give a Teacher Assessed Grade.
2. Advanced material for each subject has been released. Students will be studying the full course but focusing on the advanced material for revision purposes.
3. Follow the link in this section for the exam schedule for Y13 summer examinations.
4. Support materials are also available on our website. [Follow this link.](#)

Examinations

Our contingency plan was designed to run cohesively alongside our preparation for examinations, minimising unnecessary assessments and workload, supporting both our student and staff well-being. Therefore, we do not intend for Y13 to sit any more formal examinations prior to the summer unless we are informed by the government that summer exams are cancelled. Only in that instant would we then complete a final set to enable us to give each student a Teacher Assessed Grade.

Advance Information

For us, the most important element of this year is to ensure students have as much access as possible to quality first teaching with their subject teachers. Removing any unnecessary examinations allows for this to be our focus and also enables students to complete all of the course content for each subject. This will best prepare them for the next steps in their studies.

The advanced information which each subject has released varies from subject to subject and within different exam boards. This advanced information is intended to support revision as we and your child will know that questions on the topics released in advance will appear in the summer examinations. We do not intend to focus on only the advanced information as all other course content could still appear on the exams and will be vital for them as they move onto the next stage of their education. All of our teaching staff are fully apprised of the advanced information for their subjects. They will be advising our students what to revise in line with the information which has been released. This information is in the public domain.

For information from Pearson/Edexcel follow this link:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/summer-2022-support.html>

For information from AQA follow this link:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/2022-exam-changes>

For information from OCR follow this link:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/administration/support-and-tools/siu/summer-2022-advance-info-640557/>





Exam Schedule

The summer exam session is slightly longer than usual to enable the exam boards to space out the exams for each subject. The rationale behind this was to support in a situation where, if a child had to be absent due to covid, they would be able to sit enough of the course to be awarded a grade. We are currently waiting to hear the details of exactly how this system will be implemented or if it will be used at all. The dates of the examinations will not change. Although a contingency week has been added at the end of the session in case it needs to be used. Currently, the grade awarded would be based on the examination already sat. When we receive further information in relation to special consideration and how it will work for this year, I will write to you again. I have attached a timetable for the Y13 examinations so you are aware of the dates as well as your child.

[Y13 Examination Timetable](#)

Our parental support revision materials and videos are still available on our website and can be accessed by [following this link](#).

Summary

Our advice to our students for the coming months is simple: *stay focussed in every lesson, work hard, revise little and often at home and ensure you build in downtime into your schedules to relax and recuperate*. It is really important for your child to take part in activities other than studying to support their mental health and well-being. Even if your child doesn't participate in activities outside of school, we are still encouraging our Y13 students to be involved in one of the forty-five clubs we offer. I have personally been very proud of those students who continue to participate in student leadership activities, including those who offer peer to peer support in main school lessons and clubs.

Should you have any subject specific concerns, please contact your child's teacher. If you have any general questions or concerns, please contact Senior Assistant Headteacher, Mr McGreal on r.mcgregal@stokesleyschool.org or Head of Y12/13, Mrs Jeal on j.jeal@stokesleyschool.org, or if you have any queries about the content of this letter, please contact me on j.darbyshire@stokesleyschool.org.

Yours faithfully

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