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Dear Parent/Carer.

We have produced an Exam Guide for students, parents, and carers. The guide is a summary of the most important things you will need to know for taking exams in 2022, including links to advance information, exam start times and collecting exam results. We are finalising intervention sessions which will be offered to students in the run up to exams, details will be shared with students and parents in the forthcoming weeks along with a statement of entries, detailing exam dates, exam times and tier entry information.

Our Year 11 students will continue with ongoing assessments to help prepare them for Summer 2022. They will receive diagnostic feedback on areas where they are secure/unsecure to help support them with future learning. To help support families we will be holding an English and Maths GCSE preparation evening on Thursday 10th March, 6-7pm, a separate letter will be sent out with more details. Further work will be carried out in subjects to help close any gaps that may exist.

To help support with revision, a booklet will be given to students this week, 'Effective Revision Strategies'. A guide intended to work alongside this, has also been produced for parents and will be emailed home. Please also look out for information which will be shared in the weekly newsletter.

As previously communicated, in recognition of the fact that student's education has been disrupted by the pandemic, extra support has been given to prepare students for their exams as confirmed following a joint DfE and Ofqual consultation.

In summary, these decisions mean that for Summer 2022 there will be optional topics and content in GCSE English literature, History and Geography. Students taking GCSE Art will be assessed on their portfolio only. Exam Boards have also provided advance information about the focus of content with the intention that it will support students' revision. Links to this information can be found on Page 3 of the Rudheath Senior Academy Exam Guide 2022. Students will also be given formulae sheets for GCSE Maths and equation sheets for Physics and Combined Science.

Ofqual has decided that for the exams due to be taken in summer 2022, grade boundaries will be set so that more students than was the case before the pandemic receive higher grades, providing a safety net for students in this transitionary year. For further information please refer to the <u>letter published by Jo Saxton</u>, Ofqual's Chief Regulator.

We are doing everything we can to support your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely,

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