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Dear Parents/Carers of students in Year 11

### **Advanced Information for GCSEs**

Yesterday saw the release of Advance Information for GCSEs. Our Heads of Department and teachers have been looking at this and your child may already know about some of the changes affecting their examinations.

The main purpose of this Advance Information is to help students have a better idea of the content for the examinations in recognition of the impact of the pandemic on education for students taking exams in summer 2022. The information includes the topics that will be in the exam and should therefore be used by all students to focus the revision in each subject in these areas.

In upcoming lessons, teachers will be focussing revision lessons with these changes in mind.

To help, the information is also available for students to look at directly on the Examinations page on the student section of our **website**:

<https://www.barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk/page/?title=Exams+Information&pid=48>

On this page you will find the Advance Information for all subjects, along with a student guide from the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) [https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/JCQ\\_Advance-Information-Student-Guide.pdf](https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/JCQ_Advance-Information-Student-Guide.pdf)

and a helpful set of FAQs for students which I also include here [https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Students\\_AI\\_FAQs\\_Summer\\_2022.pdf](https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Students_AI_FAQs_Summer_2022.pdf)

The release of this information does further point to the sense that these examinations will definitely go ahead. The February/March Trial Exams - our second set of Trial Exams - begin next week, with French Speaking starting this week.

Students have been given their timetable, which is also here: <https://www.barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk/site/data/files/parents/exams/492B56C85215A854E8C84A58B0F73DAE.pdf>

Students should now be making the most of their lesson time and time in school to best prepare themselves. Following the Trial Exams, we will be launching Golden Hour, which is an additional hour of lessons in school for Year 11 to ensure they are as well prepared as possible in the run up to the Summer Exams.

We will send more information about this closer to its launch.

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