



## Lady Lumley's School

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Dear Students, Parent and Carers,

I am writing to you to update you on the publication from the Department for Education and Ofqual (the examination regulator) regarding the 2022 assessment plans. The headline is 'that students will sit examinations in 2022 with adaptations to recognise disruption to their education'. There is a contingency plan, should the direction of the pandemic demand that, a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) method similar to 2021. This is exactly what we were expecting and have planned the curriculum and assessment accordingly.

Essentially, the examination series will run 'as normal' but there will be adaptation to some subjects. For example, GCSE English Literature and GCSE History will have some reduction in the content covered. For other subjects, such as Science, there will be 'formulae' information accessible during the exam. The specific guidance from the exam boards will be with us soon, and our curriculum leaders will be planning carefully to maximise Year 11 preparation. The following is a useful summary of the announcement

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/adaptations-in-2022-summer-examsto-ensure-fairness-for-students> .

As you will read in the additional letter, we are experiencing an increase in positive Covid –19 cases in Year 11, and the actions Lady Lumley's are taking in line with Public Health England in response to that. In light of the DfE announcement, we are continuing with the PPE (Pre Public Exams) next week. These formal assessments are vital to inform students on what they know and where they are less secure, and teachers on gaps in learning and misconceptions. With an accurate information base, students and teachers can work together to address these concerns. If a student is not in school next week due to Covid-19 or other illnesses, they will have access to the assessments where possible, and can complete them at home if they are well enough. If they are not well enough to work at home then, when they return to school, they can collect their assessments and complete them as home learning. We will not be removing students from lessons to complete their PPEs as this would be detrimental to their progress and wellbeing. ClassCharts will be used to publish assessments and completed work can be submitted using the same method. Mr Fairclough will coordinate teaching staff and students – this is not a straightforward task, please be patient with us and maintain communication!

As the term progresses, we will keep students and parents informed and be agile with our planning to best support the students.

Yours sincerely

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