



# Icknield Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing with an update on the information that has recently been released by the government regarding the summer 2022 GCSE exams.

The government intends for exams to take place next summer. But if they cannot go ahead safely or fairly due to the pandemic, contingency arrangements will be in place to ensure that schools and colleges are well prepared to enable students to achieve their qualifications.

On Thursday 11 November, The Department for Education and the department and qualifications regulator, Ofqual, confirmed [contingency plans](#) to support students in the unlikely event that exams in England cannot go ahead next year due to the pandemic.

Following a consultation, Ofqual have confirmed students would receive grades based on a range of their work, similar to that of the summer of 2021.

One crucial element of this process is the use of mock exam data, and with our own December Year 11 exam season soon to be with us, it is therefore vital that students use this opportunity to demonstrate their ability across all of their subjects.

It will also, of course, therefore be important that students are able to be in school to sit these exams, so we strongly advise that they take all steps to avoid being in a position where they are having to isolate from school: these would include wearing face masks in communal spaces and avoiding close contact with others. If students do miss exams, they will be required to sit those assessments at another date, where we will ensure that the papers are different specimens to those sat by their peers.

Ofqual will publish advance information for next summer's planned exams in early February to help students focus their revision over the final months. The timing will be kept under review, subject to the course of the pandemic.

Your faithfully

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