

25th March 2022

Dear Parent/Career,

Your child's 2nd Mock exams will begin on the week commencing Monday 28 March 2022 (from 28th March to 1st April) and resume after Easter on the week commencing 18th April (from 19th April to 22nd April).

Most of the examinations will be held in the Activities Hall and each student will have the same seat labelled with their candidate details throughout all examinations to help alleviate any unnecessary anxiety. However, those with access arrangements will follow a slightly different timetable and their examinations will be held in RS1 but still with consistent seating. All students have been given a copy of their timetable and are expected to attend all examinations and normal classroom lessons in between.

During the period of examinations, students will be expected to arrive at school **no later than 08:30** in order to be on time for a slightly earlier line up at 08:40, before exams commence at 09:00. Students will be given the option to attend a breakfast club each morning of their exams from 08:00 in the school canteen where free bagels will be available. The Exam timetable has been coordinated to be in keeping with the normal school day.

These examinations are extremely important as students will be sitting a full range of papers for all their subjects. They are also critical to students should the summer examinations be cancelled due to any unforeseen situation developing with Covid-19, much like last year. Although, at present, the government is still fully committed to a full set of examinations in the summer, there is always the possibility that Covid may dictate a last-minute change of plans. Therefore, recent government guidance has stated that all students must be aware that if examinations were to be cancelled again this summer Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) would be utilised and in such a situation these mock examinations would form the basis of any final teacher assessed grade submitted by the school. As part of this government guidance, we are also not permitted to give students any precise details of what to expect on the examination papers.

May I also take this opportunity as a reminder that the mock examinations will be conducted in the same conditions as the real examinations, so it is important that all students are aware of the JCQ (Joint Council on Qualifications) regulations which are also enclosed in this letter. Any child considered to be breaking the rules and regulations of the examinations as set out runs the risk of not being allowed to sit the examination and in turn therefore not receiving a grade for that subject.

I trust we will have your full support in this and if you have any questions or concerns, please do direct them to either our exams officer, Miss Grant kgrant@tbcn.nor.olicatschools.org or myself joppong@tbcn.nor.olicatschools.org.

Yours sincerely,

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