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Dear Parents

Re: Changes to GCSE Examinations 2022

I am writing to make you aware of the changes made to the GCSE examination and assessment arrangements for the summer 2022. These have been put in place to support students who may have been adversely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic.

Smithdon High School staff are taking into account of these changes when planning their revision programmes.

Ofqual have summarised the package of support in the document, which can be found at:-

[advance information postcard 2022-02-03_1446.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/107117/advance_information_postcard_2022-02-03_1446.pdf).

Full details of the changes can be found at [Subject-by-subject support for GCSE, AS and A level students in 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/subject-by-subject-support-for-gcse-as-and-a-level-students-in-2022)

At Smithdon High School, we follow the exam specifications detailed below:-

Exam Boards and Subjects	
Year 2021/2022	
<u>AQA</u>	<u>Code</u>
Biology	8461
Chemistry	8462
Physics	8463
Combined Science	8464
Design & Technology	8552
English Literature	8702
Food & Nutrition	8585
Maths	8300
Religious Education	8062
<u>Edexcel</u>	<u>Code</u>
Geography A	1GA0
French	1FR0
German	1GN0
History A	1HIA
Physical Education	1PE0



Art	1FA0
<u>OCR</u>	<u>Code</u>
L1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Creative iMedia	J817
L1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health & Social Care	J811
Business GCSE	J204
<u>WJEC</u>	<u>Code</u>
Drama	C690QS
English Language	C700QS
Hospitality and Catering Level 1/2 Award	5569QA
<u>Rock School</u>	
Level 2 Certificate in Performance Music Practitioners (Performing)	

Our second online parents evening takes place on Thursday 17 March where you will have the chance to clarify these changes. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Head of Department for the subject or email s.chapman@smithdonhigh.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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