

12th November 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Examinations 2022

I am sure many families will have seen reports following the publication by Ofqual of their guidance for exams in summer 2022 yesterday. The guidance is available to read (click [here](#)) and Ofqual have also published an open letter for students (click [here](#)).

The key message is that students '*should expect to take exams in the summer and complete any non-exam assessments in the usual way throughout the year*' but that '*if exams had to be cancelled in summer 2022, students' grades would instead be determined by their teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) approach similar to that used in summer 2021. TAGs are based on teachers' assessment of their students' work.*'

The guidance includes information to support schools in collecting evidence to prepare for the eventuality of TAGs should exams be cancelled and suggests schools use three assessment points over the year to collect evidence. However, this does not mean that schools are being directed to run three series of pre-public examinations, or mock exams, particularly as the guidance is clear that it is the intention of the Department for Education (DfE) and Ofqual to run exams next summer.

I would like to reassure students and parents/guardians that, at Ruislip High School, our primary focus will continue to be ensuring our students receive the teaching they require in order to learn the course content, rather than creating a system of over-assessment. I am working closely with the senior leadership team to consider how to work contingency into our courses and I will update students and parents/guardians over the coming weeks with further information.

Should parents/guardians have any questions at this stage, please email office@ruisliphigh.org.uk for the attention of Ruth Hill, Deputy Headteacher.

Yours sincerely



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