



**Rossett School**

Success for everyone

18 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As Year 11 progress towards the summer examination season, there are a few dates that we would like you to note in your calendar at home. We also ask that you take some time to discuss the following dates with your Year 11 child or children.

### **1. Assessment week - 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Year 11 students will be sitting internal assessments next week. The model for this summer is for formal examinations for GCSE and BTEC to take place, under timed conditions in the school Sports' Hall - albeit with limited changes to the topics on papers and different pre-released materials, in some cases. All communications from the examinations' boards and the DfE state that these formal examinations will go ahead.

On the basis that there is only an outside chance that TAGs will be used this year, and every expectation that the exams will proceed as normal, our advice to all students is to take a *measured approach* to their assessments next week. These assessments should be viewed as an opportunity to practise for the examinations taking place in May and June. The year group had an assembly this week and the key message was that they need to balance their preparations for next week's exams, with reserving enough energy to sit the real exams in the summer.

It is vital that all Year 11s are in school for these assessments unless there is a genuine medical issue preventing them attending. If your child is absent from the assessments next week, for genuine illness such as Covid-19, they can get the papers from their teachers and complete them at home, later; this will ensure that all students gain the experience of sitting these papers.

All pre-arranged access arrangements will be in place for specific students during the assessments next week.

### **2. Summer exams: May - June 2022**

As mentioned, we expect the GCSE and BTEC examinations to go ahead as planned. The confirmed exam date timetable will be sent home soon, so you can support your child in preparing for key dates. Students are also being issued with the key exam 'changes' for each of their subjects, so that they can target their revision accordingly and ensure they are preparing for the *amended* examinations. The changes were also sent to you in a previous email - please refer this if you have any questions. If you still have questions following this, please email [psaunders@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:psaunders@rossettschool.co.uk).

**GCSE Results' Day will be Thursday 25th August 2022** and the programme for that day will be communicated through Rossett News as usual. This formal results' day will give students the chance to collect their results, and speak to the Sixth Form Team, SLT and Careers staff about their next steps and to complete their enrolment for the Sixth Form ready to start in September.  
N.B. Post-16 Results' Day - 18th August 2022.

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### 3. Support for your child in school

Interventions are timetabled to support your child in school now. These include: grade booster sessions, form time intervention classes and soon - dedicated revision time during their personal development lessons. Whilst a small number of these timetabled interventions are targeted for individual support, most are open to all Year 11 students. We would ask you to encourage your child to attend these sessions to allow staff to support individuals and help them revise. A full timetable of after-school interventions will be forwarded shortly.

### 4. Supporting your child at home

Please ensure you have read through our advice and guidance about how to support your child at home, found here: <https://www.rossettschool.co.uk/parents-carers/exams/year-11-supporting-your-child-evening-2021/>

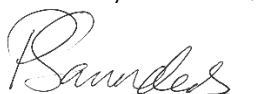
### 5. Wellbeing and mental health

We know some of our students will find the exam period stressful, so we are planning additional ways to help support their well-being during this period including through reference to the Wellbeing in Mind Team who join the school soon.

The best advice for parents and carers is focussed on the basics of well-being. Parents and Carers are in a great position to ensure children are getting regular exercise, have regular sleeping patterns and are eating healthily. Our trained staff are always on hand to identify students who may be struggling and signpost them to further support. Please contact [mbulmer@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:mbulmer@rossettschool.co.uk) if you have any specific concerns about your child's well-being during this period.

We are very proud of our Year 11s and the resilience, determination, and personal responsibility they have shown this year. We will be there, all the way, with our students and with you - our families - in making sure the support and further encouragement needed is 'wrapped' around everyone. After such turbulent years, everyone at Rossett is planning for success for Years 11 and 13 in the examinations this summer.

With every best wish,



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