



Clitheroe Royal Grammar School

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Dear Parent / Carer and Student

Interim Grades and Mock Results

Next Tuesday (18th January) Year 13 will receive their most recent Interim Grades. Students will be given a paper copy and parents / carers will be able to access this information via the Insight portal from 11.00am that morning. If you experience any difficulty logging-on, please email sixthform@crgs.org.uk or phone 01200 423118.

We will be inviting a number of students and parents to attend Review Meetings this half term. The purpose of these meetings is to review an individual's progress and to discuss how we can continue to offer support as we approach the final examinations in the Summer Term. These meetings take place regularly and should not be a cause for concern. If you would like to raise any issues or seek support, please contact the relevant Senior Tutor in the first instance.

Equal Consideration Deadline UCAS

The UCAS equal consideration deadline for 2022 entry is Wednesday 26th January. Students should be very near to the completion of their application, but a reminder that there is lots of help and advice on the [Careers and Guidance section of the website](#), including a copy of the [CRGS UCAS 2022 Apply Guide](#) (which provides step by step guidance on how to complete the UCAS form) as well as our [Futures series of videos](#) (which includes *Completing your UCAS Form*). Students should contact their Senior Tutor as a matter of urgency if they have any questions or need any further support with this process as it takes time for us to complete all the necessary checks and add each applicant's personal reference and UCAS Predicted Grades.

Students can also pop into the Careers Office for help and advice or contact Mrs Howard y.howard@crgs.org.uk for UCAS form queries or Mrs Dickinson m.dickinson@crgs.org.uk for more general queries and any support with any post-Sixth Form application or for general careers advice.

Examinations

Whilst the Secretary of State for Education has recently repeated the government's previously stated intention that examinations will be going ahead this summer, [the DfE have stipulated](#) that centres should:

- systematically collect evidence should a TAG (Teacher Assessed Grade) be needed in the future
- ensure that assessments are completed under examination conditions. This means students shouldn't know the questions beforehand or be able to guess them. It also means that if all students cannot be assessed on the same day, then different questions but a similar approach should be used
- tell students in advance if an assessment may be used to inform a TAG if required
- make sure that NEA (Non-Examined Assessments, previously known as coursework) are completed

To ensure that we meet the above criteria, we have decided to schedule Spring Examinations which will run in the same way as the examinations in December, but papers will typically be shorter in length. These will take place from Tuesday 15th March - Friday 18th March inclusive (4 days).

We are hoping that further information from Ofqual and the Awarding Bodies in early February (currently scheduled for Monday 7th February) will help us plan in more detail and we hope to be able to let students know what they need to revise before the half term break.

Parents Evening Thursday 24th February 2022

Due to the changes outlined above, we have decided to bring the second Year 13 Parents Evening forward to Thursday 24th February (previously calendared for 29th March). Further details will be provided closer to the time and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Student Support

We are very aware of the level of concern such uncertainty causes students and their families and we will ensure that we do our very best to keep everyone updated and aim to provide clarification as soon as possible.

We continue to be extremely grateful for your support and understanding as we seek to respond to a rapidly changing situation.

With very best wishes to you and your families,



Mrs K L Johnston
Deputy Headteacher: Head of Sixth Form



Miss H E Ashton
Assistant Headteacher: Sixth Form