



# Hazelwick School

An Academy

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## External Exams – summer 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that due to the coronavirus pandemic, external exams were cancelled in 2020 and 2021. It is the government's firm intention that exams should go ahead in summer 2022. There have, however, been changes to some of these 2022 external exams, details of which we wish to share with you.

### **From the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) Adjustments to exams**

It is recognised that students due to sit exams at the end of this academic year have had their education disrupted. Therefore, there will be adjustments to the exams, and other forms of assessment, due to be taken next summer. Details of these adjustments can be found on the government's website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/outcome/decisions-proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022>

In brief, for most A level exams students will be given 'advanced information' about the content that will be examined in the summer. This information will be available in February. Attached you will find a list of the qualifications delivered at Hazelwick with information about the changes to exams and NEAs (coursework) for this summer. Teachers will give students more detailed information about these changes during their lessons.

### **Contingency plans if exams are cancelled**

As already stated, it is the government's firm intention that exams will go ahead in summer 2022. However, in the very unlikely circumstances that they have to be cancelled, we have been informed by Ofqual that Teacher Assessment Grades (TAGS) will be used to determine grades, as they were last year. Full details can be found here:

[Decisions on contingency arrangements 2022: GCSE, AS, A level, Project and AEA - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/decisions-on-contingency-arrangements-2022-gcse-as-a-level-project-and-aea-gov-uk)

We are required to gather sufficient robust evidence to enable teachers to award TAGs fairly and consistently to all Year 13 students, if required. The information from Ofqual states that we should gather assessment data on three separate occasions. In the very unlikely event that the summer exams are cancelled, we will be using the results from the already scheduled Year 13 assessment points to help inform the TAGs. These are:

- Mock exams (from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022)
- Further Assessments (from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

If necessary, we will introduce a third assessment point which is likely to be immediately after the Easter holidays.

We are mindful of the additional anxiety that this news may cause students, and sincerely hope that it will not be necessary to award TAGs and that exams will go ahead as planned, but feel that it is important that we inform you of Ofqual's contingency plans if exams were not able to go ahead next summer.

As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fearon', with a horizontal line underneath.

Ms A Fearon  
Headteacher

### Year 13 Exam Information – Summer 2022

Subject	Type of Course	Exam board	Exam	NEA	Changes to exams for summer 2022	Changes to NEA for summer 2022
Applied Business	L3 Applied	AQA	33.3%	66.6%	No changes	No changes
Applied Science	L3 Applied	AQA	66.6%	33.3%	No changes	Reduction in NEA requirements
Art: Art & Design	A Level	Eduqas	40%	<del>60%</del> 100%	No final exam	Personal Investigation 100% of qualification
Art: Photography	A Level	Eduqas	40%	<del>60%</del> 100%	No final exam	Personal Investigation 100% of qualification
Biology	A Level	AQA	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Business	A Level	AQA	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Chemistry	A Level	AQA	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Computer Science	A Level	OCR	80%	20%	Advance information	No changes
Drama & Theatre	A Level	Edexcel	40%	60%	Advance information	Reduction in NEA requirements
DT: 3D Design	Camb. Tech	OCR	0%	100%	n/a	Possible reduction in NEA requirements (not confirmed)
Economics	A Level	OCR	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Electronics	A Level	Eduqas	80%	20%	Advance information	No changes
English Literature	A Level	AQA	80%	20%	Advance information	No changes
Extended Project Qualification	A Level	AQA	0%	100%	n/a	No changes
French	A Level	AQA	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Further Mathematics	A Level	Edexcel	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Geography	A Level	AQA	80%	20%	Advance information	Amendments on the collection of data and fieldwork
Health & Social Care	Camb. Tech	OCR	50%	50%	No changes	No changes
History	A Level	Edexcel	80%	20%	Advance information	No changes
IT	Camb. Tech	OCR	50%	50%	No further exams (resits only)	Reduction in NEA requirements
Law	A Level	OCR	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a

Mathematics	A Level	Edexcel	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Maths Studies	L3 Applied	AQA	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Media Studies	A Level	AQA	70%	30%	Advance information	Slight amendments
Physics	A Level	AQA	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Politics	A Level	Edexcel	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Psychology	A Level	OCR	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Sociology	A Level	AQA	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Spanish	A Level	AQA	100%	0%	Advance information	n/a
Travel & Tourism	BTEC	Pearson	25%	75%	No changes	Slight amendments