

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 11 Students

The contingency arrangements for GCSEs for Summer 2022 have recently been released. The arrangements are essentially an outline of the plans that will come into effect if examinations have to be cancelled. **It must be stressed that Ofqual and the DfE are very much planning for examinations to go ahead and we at Savio Salesian College are working on this basis as we prepare students over the course of this year.** However, all centres need to take into consideration the contingency arrangements and this is a brief outline of our short term plans in that respect.

The Department for Education suggests that schools should assess students at three points during the academic year. As a school we had already planned our current mock examination weeks beginning today and as parents of students in Year 11, you should be aware that the current *mock examinations* may be used as part of the evidence base in the event of examinations being cancelled and schools having to generate Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). We are very conscious that students have not had much notice of contingency arrangements as they prepare for their mocks, as a result you should be reassured to know that in the unlikely event of examinations not going ahead that the current mocks will be given lower priority than future assessments students will complete when we determine a hierarchy of evidence to inform TAGs.

It is likely that students will be asked to sit a second set of mock examinations in the spring term and a third/final set in the first half of the summer term. Should examinations not go ahead in the summer these assessments would be used to determine teacher assessed grades and would be weighted so that the latest examinations carried the largest percentage of the marks towards the final grade so that students have the opportunity to build and improve their scores as they progress through the academic year.

Where students are absent during an assessment period their teachers will make arrangements for them to sit an appropriate assessment on their return to school so that they are neither advantaged or dis-advantaged against their peers.

A letter to students published by Ofqual can be found at the link below:

[Ofqual letter to students](#)

Over the coming weeks, we will work on a detailed plan covering contingency arrangements and more information will follow in due course.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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