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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is now two years since we last had 3 half terms where pupils were all educated in school.

This week, I have been delivering assemblies on the power of being part of a team. I spoke about the benefits we all get from working together towards a common goal. Our core values underpin all we do. They inform our behaviours and prioritise our actions. We all have responsibility for ourselves but also, for those we share our community with. We build each other up. Kind words and thoughtful actions sustain us and help us grow.

Art Instillation

This half term we have completed our art instillation that acknowledges the role our pupils and staff played during last year's lockdowns. The experiences were individual but we all gained strength from our collective response and support.

As restrictions continue to ease, we will invite parents and carers into school to view the instillation and give the opportunity for our pupils to share their talents from across the arts.

The Wizard of Oz

It has been great to welcome back our school production. This last week we have hosted sell out performances of The Wizard of Oz. It has been a joyous production and has showcased the talents and hard work of our pupil body. My thanks go to all who have performed and supported the production. A very special thanks to all the staff who have dedicated many hours of time and much skill, ensuring we once again had a live Fulford School show.

Face Coverings

As I have written in previous letters COVID-19 still has very real effects on the school, its pupils and staff. Ever since we returned from lockdown, pupils have been wearing face coverings in communal areas. Pupils have been brilliant in supporting our requests and deserve much credit. I now feel we are in a position, for the first time in 2 years, to make the wearing of face coverings in inside communal areas an individual choice for each child and member of staff. This is in line with the current rates of infection, which have stabilised, and the expected further removal of national restrictions over half term. We will monitor rates of infections and if it becomes necessary to return to a full expectation of use we will.

GCSE and A Level Exams

Earlier this month exam boards published Advanced Information for GCSE and A level exams scheduled to take place this summer. This information is designed to help staff and pupils plan their revision in the run up to the exams. The information provided for each subject varies between subjects and it is important to note that some of the questions in the exams will cover topics not listed on the advanced information.

Subject teachers will go through the advanced information in lessons and will be able to provide more detail on how this information will impact on learning and revision for the summer exams.

Further information can be found on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/subject-by-subject-support-for-gcse-as-and-a-level-students-in-2022>

At the end of this letter is a letter to students from Dr Jo Saxton, Ofqual Chief Regulator, regarding the exams for 2022.

I hope you and your family have a safe and fun filled half term.

Yours faithfully,



Steve Lewis
Head Teacher

Dear Students,

In my job as Chief Regulator of qualifications I get to meet many students, teachers and parents from different parts of the country. Speaking to students like you, who are getting ready for formal exams and assessments, it's clear to me that you want life to get back to normal and that you would like as much certainty about what is going to happen as possible.

For that reason the exam boards have, this week, published for you 'advance information' on their websites. This is subject by subject, specification by specification, specific outlines of the focus of questions across many of your summer exams.

These materials are just one of the ways we are working to make sure that, despite the disruption caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, your exams and formal assessments are less daunting.

You will also get formulae sheets for GCSE maths exams and updated equation sheets for GCSE physics and combined science exams, so you won't have to memorise as much.

As well as advance information and formulae sheets, you will be supported by generous grading, which will provide you with a safety-net to protect you from just missing out on a grade.

We will also publish videos, infographics and other materials to help those of you who have been prevented from ever sitting a formal exam, to know what that feels like.

You can find more information at the following official sources:

- [Rolling update](#)
- [Ofqual Instagram](#)
- [Ofqual blog](#)

Best wishes, Dr Jo Saxton Ofqual Chief Regulator



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