

# MANOR

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY, YORK

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### Summer GCSE Exam Window

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The government has released more details about the GCSE exam period in the summer of 2021. It has made a number of changes that we have highlighted below. These are due to the impact of the pandemic on your child's education.

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| • Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May                            | - Start of GCSE Exams (English Language Paper 1)            |
| • Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May                             | - GCSE Mathematics Paper 1 (Non Calculator)                 |
| • Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June | - Half Term Holiday   |
| • Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June                               | - Main GCSE Exam Period Starts (English Literature Paper 1) |
| • Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July                               | - Main GCSE Exam Period Ends (Physics Paper 2)              |
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| • Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July     | - GCSE Exam Contingency Fortnight                           |

The exam boards have structured the main GCSE timetable to minimise the likelihood of a student missing all of their exams in one subject as far as possible (i.e. they have tried to schedule exams in subjects 10 days apart, in case a student is isolating).

If a student misses **all** GCSE exams in a particular subject due to sickness related to coronavirus (COVID-19), or the need to self-isolate, they will be eligible to sit **one** single contingency paper. This paper will take place between 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July (i.e. if a student misses **all** their English Language (for example) exams, due to Covid, they will have the chance to sit one single paper in the contingency window).

However, if a student has sat at least one of their exams in a subject, but had to miss subsequent papers due to isolation this one result will count as their final GCSE grade (i.e. in the example above, sat their English Language Paper 1, but missed the other paper).

We are aware that parents may soon start to turn their attention to booking summer holidays. Please bear the above dates and information in mind when doing so.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the examination officer (Mrs Regan) or myself.

Yours faithfully,

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