



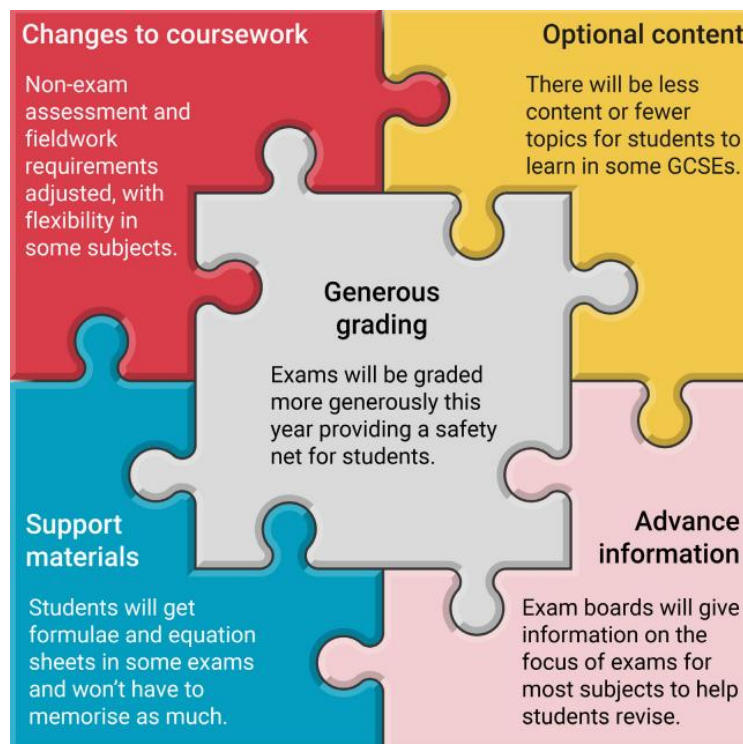
14th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week, Ofqual announced important information about how GCSE and A-Levels will run this year in the aftermath of two years' disruption to our children's education. The Awarding Organisations then released specific information about how exams in all subject areas have been adjusted to account for this disruption; our staff have been looking at this closely so that they can plan for the remaining time we have with our examination groups.

You will find attached to this letter a summary of all the adjustments made for each GCSE qualification we offer. Our teachers have already started to share this specific information with their classes and we will ensure that these adjustments are reflected in the upcoming mock exams in March. Where extensive topic lists have been issued, our students have already had these and have been informed if there are any topics they will no longer have to revise.

One of Ofqual's main principles in trying to make this year's qualifications as fair as possible is to create a 'safety net' when setting grade boundaries. This means that 2022 grade boundaries will be more generous than in 2019 when the last external exams were sat. The diagram below gives an overview of Ofqual's approach:



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It is looking increasingly likely that GCSE and A-Level exams will go ahead as planned this year and we are excited about giving our students the opportunity to show just how hard they have worked. We do understand, however, that our young people may be feeling anxious at the prospect of sitting external exams. We will continue to do all we can to support them.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself at e.wilks@nishkamschools.org or Mr Deeks, Associate Principal, at c.deeks@nishkamschools.org if you have any questions regarding the information in this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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