Dear parents and guardians

Contingency arrangements: GCSE, AS, A level for summer 2022

The government is firmly committed to examinations going ahead in England in the academic year 2021-22, with adaptations to take account of the impact of the pandemic on the education of the students due to sit those exams. If further disruption occurs, the contingency arrangement presented is for student outcomes to be determined by teacher assessed grades (TAGs), as last year.

The guidance states that all schools and colleges should conduct controlled internal assessments informing teacher assessed grades and ensure that students and parents aware that the outcomes of these assessments will contribute to grades awarded in 2022 if examinations do not take place at the end of this academic year.

As schools and colleges await the final decision on the consultation arrangements, the provisional dates for internal assessments at Carmel, are as follows:

w/c November 29th

w/c January 31st

w/c April 18th

In order to replicate what will happen in the summer and help students to prepare appropriately and, hopefully, manage any anxieties that this may cause, we will let students know the relevant topics that they need to revise so that they can focus their preparations only on topic areas that are relevant, hence making the process as fair as it can possibly be.

In addition, each assessment will be planned to only cover subject content that has been taught at the time of the assessment.

Any reasonable adjustments made for students taking exams in the summer, will, where possible be applied to these assessments.

Please be aware that in addition to the above dates, that NEA (coursework) in subjects where this is applicable, will also be used to inform teacher assessed grades and that for students on applied vocational courses (BTECs), all of their assignment work should be recognised as contributing to their final grade.

We will of course update you as required following the publication of the final decisions on the consultation on these contingency arrangements.

(The above information was also sent to students and parents via email on 18/10/21)