

18th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, Steve Wilson sent a text last week regarding the 'Advance Information' that was released by exam boards on Monday 7th of February. In this he explained that departments were looking closely at the relevant guidance in each subject. This Advanced information identifies which topics are due to be assessed in the summer GCSE, A' level and AS level exams. In relation to this, the Joint Council for Qualifications have provided an A4 document which I believe summarises the main points well. It is available here: [JCQ Advance-Information-Student-Guide.pdf](http://www.jcq.org.uk/examinations/advance-information/advance-information-student-guide.pdf)

The information differs between every subject; for example, some subjects have had content from the specification removed, other subjects specifically list topics that are on the paper, and others have named the topics that will have a higher number of marks awarded to them.

Students will be working closely with their subject teachers during lessons to make sure that they know the details of the changes and will be able to prepare and revise for the exams appropriately. Each department has reviewed the remaining curriculum time available, to ensure that adequate revision time is given to the topics identified by the exam boards.

If you would like to check the information for each subject, the JCQ has provided links to each exam board. This provides all of the advanced information published. This is available here: [Advance Information - JCQ Joint Council for Qualifications](http://www.jcq.org.uk/examinations/advance-information/)

If students are unaware of the exam board for each subject, our school website contains year group specific 'subject by subject' downloads which contain this information. They can be reached here: [Exams Information Summer 2022 \(whitleybayhighschool.org\)](http://www.whitleybayhighschool.org/exams-information/)

Please do not hesitate to contact the pastoral team if you require any further guidance. Hopefully, this letter has provided reassurance that students will receive all the necessary information and support in advance of the summer exam season.

I hope you and your families have a lovely half-term break.

Yours faithfully



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