

On 30th September, much anticipated information about examinations in England was released by the Department for Education and Ofsted. Here are the key points with regard to mathematics exams:

- Standards for the Autumn 2021 series will be aligned with Summer 2021.
- Standards for the Summer 2022 qualifications will be set midway between Summer 2019 and Summer 2021.
- Standards for the Summer 2023 and subsequent qualifications will be aligned with Summer 2019.
- A formula sheet will be provided in GCSE mathematics exams in Summer 2022 and Autumn 2022.
- Advance information about the content of mathematics exams will be released on Monday 7th February 2022 (or earlier if there is significant pandemic disruption).
- Examination papers in each subject will take place at least ten days apart so that a student should not miss more than one component if they are forced to isolate.
- A level results day will be Thursday 18th August 2022.
- GCSE results day will be Thursday 25th August 2022.

A joint Ofqual/DfE consultation is underway about contingency arrangements in the event that examinations have to be cancelled next Summer. We have some concerns about the proposal for three rounds of assessment to inform teacher assessed grades.

The consultation document can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1021446/6838_Contingencies_GCSE_AS_A_level_Project_and_AEA_qualifications_in_2022.pdf

We would welcome your views to inform Teaching Committee's response but please note that the consultation period is only two weeks.

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