



**SIR JOHN DEANE'S
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
1557**

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you of important information regarding the practice exams that your child will be taking part in the week beginning the 1st of November. These examinations are an important part of getting your child ready for the summer examinations which are scheduled to take place next summer.

OFQUAL have recently released some initial proposals which have indicated that, in event that exams are not able to be held in 2022, Teacher Assessed Grades will be implemented as an alternative. It is therefore important that you and your child are aware that it is possible these upcoming autumn assessments could form part of that grading process, should Teacher Assessed Grades become necessary.

At the moment, there is no indication that this is likely to happen, and it shouldn't change how your child prepares for these exams. It is important for their exam preparation that they revise hard for every set of practice exams and to try and secure the best grade they can. If you do have any queries, we will address these centrally so please use the following email: yr13exams@sjd.ac.uk to contact us.

The practice exams are an important opportunity for students to find out what progress they are making and to consolidate their learning. However, we recognize that for some students the examinations can present an additional challenge. In the event that your child needs any kind of support, please remind them to speak to their teachers and progress mentors so they can access the additional support that is available.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Atherton
Principal