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Dear Parent/Carer,

Circumstances affecting students during the exam period

As you will be aware this Summer a number of measures have been put in place nationally such as advanced information, changes to some NEA (coursework) requirements, and grading more generous than in 2019 to support students. In the vast majority of cases, students will be in a situation where they can attend exams as planned, and demonstrate their abilities. We just wanted to take this opportunity to share some key points from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidance which we have to follow in the unlikely eventuality this is not the case, and to highlight some of our school specific procedures to support this. The full guidance can be found on the [Exams](#) page of the website.

Where it is not possible at the last moment for a student to sit an examination, due to temporary illness, injury etc, or other circumstances where a student can sit the exam but is adversely impacted by something beyond their control **at the time of the assessment**, then the awarding body **may** make some form of special consideration.

The awarding of special consideration for circumstances at the time of the assessment is at the discretion of the awarding body. This only usually goes some way to compensating for any situation rather than necessarily replicating their full capability. Wherever possible, it is usually in the best interest of a student to sit the examination.

All examinations measure what a student knows and can do at the time of the assessment, and awarding bodies do not consider longer term circumstances that may have prevented a student from reaching the standards they may otherwise have achieved.

If there is a situation where a student cannot attend or is experiencing difficulties then we ask:

- Parents/Carers to phone into school before 8:30am if a student is unable to attend on the day explaining the reason why. With regards to COVID-19, students are expected to follow the Public Health Guidance below.
- Where a student is able to attend exams but is impacted by something such as injury, family bereavement etc please inform the exams team as soon as possible by emailing exams@northleamington.co.uk.

The Exams team will then be in touch to discuss how we can support and to liaise regarding any paperwork and evidence that would be needed, if it were appropriate to make a request for special consideration to the awarding body.

If you do have any queries please contact exams@northleamington.co.uk.

COVID-19 Guidance:

Key extracts from the UKHSA Guidance as of 1 April 2022

People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK
(www.gov.uk)

It is important that centres read and consider all appropriate UKHSA and other public health guidance. These extracts are included for convenience only.

For children and young people 18 and under:

- "Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting."
- "Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend."
- "It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional."
- "If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can."
- "Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal."

Results Day Year 13

A reminder that results day for Year 13 is on Thursday 18 August. Results are available between 9am and 10am. Students must collect their own results and for any students not able to attend, results will be emailed to their school email address later that day.

The Sixth Form Team will be on hand to both celebrate with students and to support as required with any results and next step queries.

Yours sincerely,



Miss R Hase
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