

12 May 2022

**Year 1 End of Year Assessment Arrangements**

Year 1 advanced level students will be sitting their end of year assessments over a two week period starting Monday 20th June - as below.

**Week Beginning Monday 20th June**

Monday	Visual Arts and Performance exams/assessments take place <b>All other subject areas running normal lessons</b>
Tuesday	Visual Arts and Performance exams/assessments take place <b>All other subject areas running normal lessons</b>
Wednesday - Friday	End of year exams  Students on exam leave ( <b>apart from students taking visual arts subjects whose lessons will continue</b> )  Vocational subjects (BTEC/CTEC/CACHE) may be running lessons to support final coursework submissions. Departments will confirm arrangements directly with students.

**Week Beginning Monday 27th June**

Monday	HE Day at Sussex University - All students to attend (further details to follow from Careers Department)
Tuesday - Friday	End of year exams continue  All Students on exam leave (apart from students taking visual arts subjects whose lessons will continue)  Vocational subjects (BTEC/CTEC/CACHE) may be running lessons to support final coursework submissions. Departments will confirm arrangements directly with students.

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The end of year 1 assessment provides teachers with an opportunity to give students feedback on progress and provide the appropriate support and direction needed to succeed.

For A level and most vocational subjects we will be running end of year practice exams/assessments under full exam conditions. This may sound daunting to some given that students have not had formal exams at school. Please be assured that we are here to support students through this process and that the end of year assessment should be seen as an opportunity to practice so that learners can familiarise themselves with the conditions of the final assessments next year.

We will be publishing the results of these assessments and they will feed into the summer report cards that we send home in July. The summer report card will identify strengths and highlight the areas to develop as students progress into year 2.

Students following our vocational subjects (BTEC, CTEC, CACHE or Diploma), have completed coursework and some will have completed external exams throughout their first year of study. An end of year grade will be awarded that is based upon the grades achieved in coursework and external exams/assessments.

For some students the end of year grades will make it clear that their current programme of study is not meeting their needs. These students will be identified and requested to attend a year 2 progression review meeting with their Head of School.

During the progression review meeting we will endeavour to find an alternative full-time programme for the second year of study. All Level 3 students must follow a programme that provides learning hours equivalent to three A-Levels. Students will be offered and must follow one of our fresh start courses. These are one-year courses that sit alongside students' second year courses and will allow students to maximise the number of qualifications they achieve during their time with us. Heads of Schools will give further details about the range of fresh start courses that we have available during the review meetings.

The review meetings will take place on the **11th and 12th July**.

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Please see below a summary of the key events during the last week of term.

**Week Beginning Monday 4th July**

**All students return to lessons after end of year assessments**

Monday - Friday	<p><b>All students return to lessons.</b></p> <p>We will be focusing this week on inducting students into year 2, progression planning and also finalising work experience plans</p>
Thursday	<p><b><u>End of year exam results published</u></b></p>
Friday	<p>Heads of School invite students for targeted progress reviews</p> <p>Last day of timetabled lessons for students</p>

**Week Beginning Monday 11th July**

Monday - Tuesday	<p>Targeted 1 to 1 progression reviews with Heads of School to confirm year 2 programme</p> <p><b><u>Summer Report Card sent home</u></b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 12th July - End of Term for students</b></p>
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End of year assessment timetables will appear on MyVarndean after half term under the exam tab.

It remains for me to wish all students the very best of luck in their preparation for these assessments over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



James Gordon  
Deputy Principal

