



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/carer,

At the start of Year 10 during our KS4 information evening, we outlined the expected examination entry dates for the two-year period covering Years 10 and 11. Since this time, the Welsh Government has changed their guidance to schools on early entry. As a school, we have reflected on this and below is our expected pattern of entry for nearly all pupils.

Summer GCSE examination period 8th May 2018 – 21st June 2018

	Total Contribution to final GCSE grade
English Literature Unit 1	35%
Science Module 1	40%
Welsh Unit 1	25%
Sociology short course	50%
BTEC Health & Social Care Unit 1	25%

A final examination timetable will be published to all pupils nearer the time however please note these dates are set externally and cannot be altered by the school. If you have any concerns about dates please contact the school directly.

In addition those pupils following BTEC courses in Business Studies, Engineering and ICT will be sitting an on-line test. This test contributes towards their final grade.

All Year 10 pupils are following the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification and it is expected by the end of this academic year all pupils will have a full portfolio of work in line with expectations. Those pupils with gaps in their portfolios will be offered additional support to ensure they finish the year at the expected level.

Nearly all pupils will now sit their GCSE English Language, Mathematics and Numeracy examinations Summer 2019. The school will hold a set of rigorous internal mock examinations to allow us to identify any weaknesses in individual outcomes and provide appropriate support to maximise outcomes in the final examinations.

For some pupils it may be appropriate to enter them for English Language and/or a Maths/Numeracy qualification during the Summer 2018 or November 2018. The school will discuss this with parents and pupils prior to any final decision being made.

If you have any further queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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