



# BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Update for Year 10 and Year 11 Parents

**For Year 10 students:** a virtual presentation welcoming students to their GCSE courses will be released on the school website on Monday 11 October.

After watching this, should you still have any general questions regarding supporting your son, or how to best remove barriers to learning and achievement, then please contact Ms Bateman via email [ibateman@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ibateman@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk) to book an appointment with one of the Key Stage Four team (Mr Weller: Head of Year 10, Mrs Brooker: Key Stage Lead, or Mr Finch: Head of Year 11) for Friday 15th October 2021 between 9:05-10:20.

The appointments will be limited to 10 minutes and we will not be able to answer any subject specific questions related to your son's progress. However, you will receive an audit on Friday 22nd October which will contain subject specific progress information. Appointments can be attended in person or virtually through 'google meet' (please specify when you contact Ms Bateman).

**For both Years 10 and 11:** we would also like to make you aware that there is designated study space in the Library where students are able to study and complete homework and coursework during lunchtimes and after school. These can be booked with the Librarian directly.

**For Year 11 students:** fast approaching is their fortnight of mock exams (w/b: Monday 8th November 2021) and Year 11 students will shortly be receiving their mock exam timetable. Revision sessions are also being offered by some Departments and details will be published on the Year 11 google classroom.

Ofqual and the Department for Education have also released guidance for how they intend exams to look next summer and 'Proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs and A Levels in 2022' and a summary of the consultation decisions, and the full document, can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022>

There is currently also a consultation open, ending 13 October 2021, which looks at proposals for contingency arrangements for examinations in the event there is further disruption this winter. This information can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/contingency-arrangements-gcse-as-a-level-project-and-aea/contingency-arrangements-gcse-as-a-level-project-and-aea>

As you will appreciate, with there still being an element of uncertainty around examinations for next summer, we are pleased to be holding our first set of mocks soon, in November, and would encourage your sons to maximise their engagement with this opportunity as we may well be in the position where mock examinations form part of the final awarding process next summer.



Headteacher: Mr A Tomlin MA NPQH



**For Year 11 students:** a reminder that Parents' Evening will be held virtually again this year and is on Wednesday 20 October 2021 between 3.45 - 6.15pm. There will also be an audit issued on Friday 22 October for Year 11 students.

We look forward to working with you and your son over this academic year and very much hope we will not see a return of pandemic disruption over the winter months.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M Brooker', written in a cursive style.

**Mrs M Brooker,  
Head of KS4 / DSL**