

Have the students in lockdown currently completed the assessments?

Some were completed before the self-isolation, we are aiming to complete all assessments and analysis at the end of the month.

What was the science app please?

The name of the science app is Tassomai, all students will receive their log in details within the next 10 days.

My lad has gained grade 5 in English Literature does that count for a course if doesn't achieve grade in English language?

Achieving a grade 5 in English Literature would mean there would be no requirement for him to resit if he achieves less than a grade 4 in English Language next summer. As for 6th form it would really depend on what that subject's specific requirements were, for example some subjects would stipulate a minimum grade for English Language other wouldn't.

Will you be running through the slides with the students? Can you send a copy home to enable us to use this as a resource.

The slides have been sent home and an adapted version is being used for this week's year 11 assembly.

Could you tell me if there will be an automatic resit for the students who failed their Maths statistics exam please? If so when will this take place?

Students/parents would need to request a resit if they wanted to sit the statistics exam. We would advise against it unless the student had been revising towards it over the previous months. Students will sit the GCSE in maths in summer 2021 and that should be their main focus now.

Please can you confirm the Exam Boards for each subject, thank you.

We are going to send out subject information leaflets next week which will have details of exam boards, revision resources and useful sites.

Is there any information yet about technology or photography exams?

For the engineering exam we are still waiting clarification from the exam board. For photography there will be no exam, the final grade will be decided purely on the student's coursework.

I wondered about the food and nutrition practical element as they are not able to use the food prep rooms at present. How will this work?

We are looking into this at the minute. Students are currently working on the planning stage for this course and we will explore solutions as to how they will undertake their practical element.

Please can you confirm resit dates for those results already received e.g. English Lit and Stats, for students who have not achieved a pass - and whether it is necessary to resit either or both ??

The exams for these will take place in November, as in previous years we would advise against resitting and instead focus on the English Language and maths GCSE's in the summer 2021 exam series.

Will we be advised about open evenings for other 6th forms?

Our careers advisor is confirming dates and once we have them all we will publish. This year it would probably be advisable to check individual school websites due to any changing circumstances that may affect them and also the format they may take.

Will the GCSEs be marked on exam or course work or teacher's assessments and will this process for The May 2021 GCSEs be different to prior years? Will this impact students who normally perform better in exams compared to assessments?

The information we have at the minute is that the summer 2021 exams will be held and assessed in the 'normal' way.

If we go into lock down, why is it planned that there will be reduced offering of core subjects - currently 5 per week, but only planned for 2 per week by MS teams. Is it not possible to stick to the same timetable but instead over MS teams?

This is the minimum we believe we can deliver and will look at the circumstances at the time should this happen. We are working on the assumption that if the school goes into a full lockdown the whole country will also be in lockdown. This would have implications for teachers with young children and their ability to deliver lessons whilst trying to supervise their own children which means we could not offer a 'normal' timetable.

Class charts was mentioned. How do I get an access code?

If you email the school office they will forward it to the relevant person.

What would happen if the exams postponed til June when would they finish due to a holiday already booked for beginning of July?

We would expect students to attend all their exams. In previous years the science paper have tended to be the final ones students take. Just to re-iterate though we have heard nothing about exams moving other than in the media.

Could there be more transparency on class charts perhaps tailored to the individual so that parents are able to support at home. Often we don't know enough about what the student is learning so it is difficult to give that additional support at home when they don't understand either.

It's great that you want to support, my advice would be to email the class teacher directly who will be more than happy for you to contact them for further clarification. A list of teachers email addresses can be found on the school's website, alternatively if you know the name of the teacher the format for email is firstname.lastname@biltonmail.com.

How is the food and nutrition going to work for the practical's if it goes into lockdown?

We will seek clarification from the exam board if this happens.

Are there any possibilities of having online interventions in the evening? My worry is for the students who already had gaps prior to lock down have an even greater gap. The interventions in the half terms will not be enough to ensure they meet their potential.

It's certainly something we're looking at. Period 6 tends to start in earnest after Christmas and I would expect there to be some online intervention happening, we will however advise nearer the time.

Do pupils have the login details for the support sites that you have mentioned, if not can they be provided asap?

They have details currently for Mathswatch and GCSEPod. Tassomai will be coming in the next week. If pupils do not have log in details then they should speak to their relevant class teacher.

Do you have to make appointments with the careers advisor?

The careers advisor has a list of the students in year 11 and will call all of them in for a meeting and produce an action plan. If students are panicking they can email me and I will prioritise their appointment.

When the diagnostics get completed will parents receive copies and regular updates?

The diagnostics are kept in a central record. If you would like a copy of your son/daughters diagnostics the easiest way would be to contact the class teacher who will be able to advise.

Will they get support in writing a cv and interviewing?

The character and culture lessons are currently focussing on careers and during these sessions students will be guided on interview techniques and cv writing.

Please confirm the statistic for maths passes for 2020 for 4+. I see English Literature was at 86%.

For GCSE Statistics the results were as follows:

7+ 13%

5+ 46%

4+ 65%

Is there any update about whether students will be doing combined science or 3 sciences? Also will any content be revised in the same way as for History and Geography?

All students are working towards the combined science. In certain circumstances where we believe one of the disciplines would impact on the students final grade we would enter them for the 3 sciences pathway. There is no revised content for science, so students will be expected to have the same knowledge as previous years cohorts.