



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear parent/carer

AS EXAMINATION ENTRIES

I would like to inform you that, this week, we have been finalising decisions regarding which AS examinations Year 12 students will be sitting in the summer. Where students are studying a modular A Level, there is no choice, they will have to sit the AS level examination. For the new linear A Levels, this is a more complicated decision. The decision involves considering information and data from various sources. These include learning cycle data, forecast grades, departmental feedback and pastoral information. We have also consulted the students and asked for their input on this matter. In situations where there have been difficult decisions to make, students have met with a member of the Sixth Form team to discuss and explain the decisions. Students who are at risk of failing one or more subjects, will be entered for AS examinations in all of their AS courses.

We have made these decisions after the Year 12 mock results, which has given us a further opportunity to gauge each student's progress. We are working to very tight deadlines to ensure the entries are made in line with exam board deadlines. I would encourage you to have a discussion with your son/daughter about their AS entries so you are fully aware of the decisions that have been made.

If you have any further questions regarding AS examination entries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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