

EXPLAINING ASSESSMENT CHANGES TO YOUR STUDENTS

Top Things to Tell Students

1. I understand your disappointment and frustration.
2. You will still have the chance to show your knowledge and skills.
3. You will still be assessed so you can progress to the next stage of your education.
4. Your successes will still be recognised and celebrated.
5. Your hard work is important and will count.

Instead of exams...

- ◆ Subject teachers will devise assessments.
- ◆ Subject teachers will give students an assessment timetable.
- ◆ Subject teachers will grade the assessments.
- ◆ Assessments will take place in the classroom.
- ◆ The school may need to send a sample of assessment work to the Examining Board to make sure assessments are accurate and fair for everyone.

NB - This information will need to be amended depending on the arrangements in place in different Examining Boards.

Ways to communicate the information:

- ◆ Meet with the student's parents to determine impact of assessment changes and how best to support the student.
- ◆ Consider what will best support understanding e.g. pictures to support the written information, a social narrative, short and clear bullet points.
- ◆ Send a written email.
- ◆ Record the information in a video or voice message. This will allow the student to listen to it several times to ensure processing and retention of the information.
- ◆ Arrange a meeting, online or face-to-face.
- ◆ Review the information with the student to ensure it has been processed.