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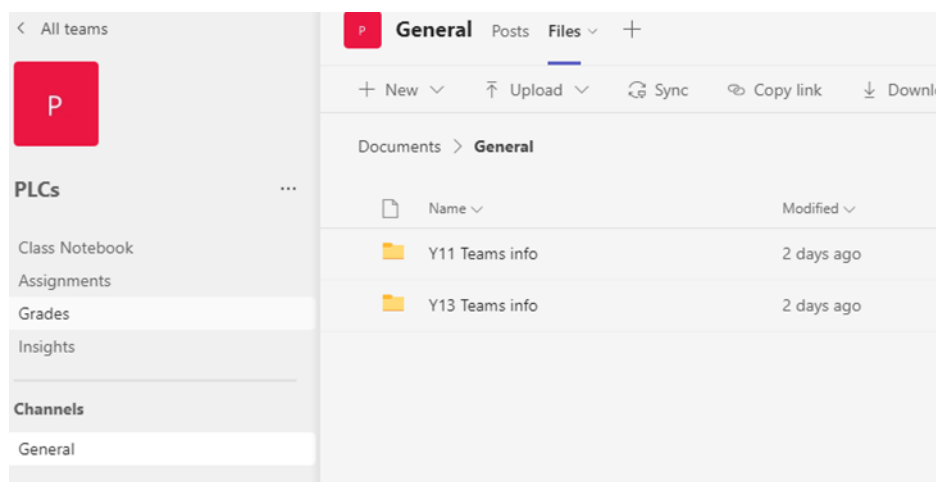
Dear parent/carer

As you are aware, due to the challenges faced by students over the last two years, the Government has put in place arrangements to support students beyond what would be in place for a usual exam year.

I am writing to you to highlight those main changes and to indicate where students can find the relevant information.

There are three main adjustments:

- Firstly, the government has introduced a choice of topics or content in some GCSE/A' Level exams and exam boards have given advance information about the focus of the content of exams, designed to provide guidance for revision for students ahead of summer exams. The information has been released by exam boards and differs by subject and course. In order to simplify this information, we have created revision lists or PLCs (Personalised Learning Checklists). To access these students should go onto Microsoft Teams and access the 'PLC' team. They should then click 'General' in the channels section on the left (see below), then on the 'files' tab at the top. This will give them the option of Year 11 PLCs and Year 13 PLCs.

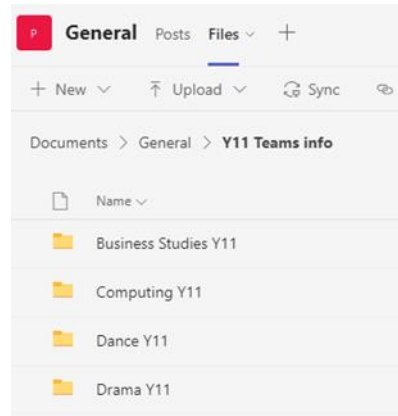


On choosing their relevant year group they will see all of the different subjects available (not just those that they study):

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In each folder students will find the relevant document or documents relating to that subject.

To supplement this, subject leaders and class teachers will provide classwork, homework and revision tasks, as usual, in the run up to the examinations.

- The second main adjustment relates to the grading of examinations. The government has stated that: “Summer 2022 will be a transition year to reflect that we’re in a pandemic recovery period. There will be more generous grading of exams this year compared to a normal exam year to provide a safety net for students” and that “results overall will be higher than in 2019, and not as high as in 2020.”

Given that we as a school have not been affected as much as some schools, and also the provision we were able to deliver during the lockdowns was significantly better than most schools, we feel that these adjustments place our students in a really strong position to achieve excellent grades. On the other hand, students need to be very aware that this makes it impossible for us to be confident about where grade boundaries might lie this summer and that, of course, everyone will benefit from these changes... so it is vital that they are not complacent and still work as hard as they can!

- The final adjustment relates to the spacing of examinations. This year, examinations in the same subject have been intentionally spaced by exam boards so that there is a gap of more than 10 days between the first and last exams. The reason for this is if a student is ill with Covid then they will not end up missing all of the examinations in that subject. It is really important that students sit their exams as teacher-assessed grades will not be used unless all exams are cancelled nationally, which is now highly unlikely. Adjustments can be made for students who miss exams due to ill health, with the right evidence, but only if they have completed a proportion of the examinations for that subject.

Students will receive individual exam timetables, but the overview can be found on the school website here.

[Summer Examination Timetable – Lymm High School](#)

I hope that this information provides some clarity and reassurance for the examinations this summer. If you have any queries relating to specific subjects then please contact the head of subject directly, for general queries for Year 11 please get in touch with Mrs Wagstaff or Ms Taylor, or for Year 13 please contact Mrs Jennings.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.A. Johnson'.

Mr R Johnson
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