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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The government have now given further guidance on this year's summer exams. As expected, the guidance confirms the government's commitment, that the exams will go ahead this summer. Due to the impact of the Covid pandemic the following adjustments to the examinations have been confirmed.

- Students taking GCSEs in English literature, history, and geography will not need to cover the usual range of content in the exams – the exam boards have published information on their websites on how this will work for each of their specifications in these subjects.
- Students taking GCSEs in all other subjects will be given advance information about the focus of the content of the exams to support their revision
- Students taking AS and A levels will be given advance information about the focus of the content of the exams to support their revision
- Students taking GCSE mathematics will be given in their exams copies of formulae they would in other years have to memorise
- Students taking GCSE physics and combined science will be given in their exams a sheet covering all the equations they might need to apply in the exams

The advanced information for examinations was released this week. Subject leaders and subject teaching staff will be using this information, to fine tune their lessons and adapt revision materials to ensure students are fully prepared for examinations in the coming months.

We have also been told that Ofqual has decided that for the exams this summer, grade boundaries will be set so that more students than was the case before the pandemic, will receive higher grades, therefore seeing this year as a transition year.

In line with our usual practise, we will offer a second mock exam period in March where we will again prepare students for the exams and use parts of this evidence towards teacher assessed grades in the unlikely event that these are required.

May I take this opportunity to remind you about our Y11 parents evening on March 3rd prior to the second mock window, on the March 21st - March 31st. Full information about the evening and how to book a virtual parents evening slot will be supplied to you shortly.

At that time staff will be able to communicate with you what the final stage of their educational journey looks like with us and what specifically they need to target moving forward.

Can I thank all parents for their continued support and look forward to working with all students in the months ahead.

Kind regards
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