



Dear Parent/Guardian,

3rd December 2020

Summer 2021 GCSE, Vocational and A Level Exams

I hope that you and your family are well.

The Government has confirmed that GCSE, A level and vocational examinations will go ahead in summer 2021. New measures will be introduced to help ensure pupils receive fair grades that reflect their ability.

In summary:

- The start of the summer examinations will be delayed till 7th June to allow for three more weeks of preparation.
- There will be more generous grading, in line with the record number of good grades awarded in 2020.
- Pupils will be told in advance (in late January) which topic areas will be tested in their examinations.
- In some examinations, pupils will be provided with support materials (e.g. formula sheets) so they have less content to memorise.
- A set of contingencies will ensure all pupils receive a qualification.
 - If a pupil misses examinations due to self-isolation, but sits at least one paper for the subject, they will receive a grade.
 - If a pupil misses all the papers for a subject, they will be able to sit a single contingency examination paper for the subject in July, so that they can still achieve a grade.

Over the next few months, our teachers will continue to work hard to help all pupils to achieve the best possible grades. To help your daughter, please encourage her to:

- attend school every day (unless required to self-isolate)
- participate fully and actively in online lessons if they are isolating at home
- if isolating, make high-quality notes for subsequent revision
- catch up on tests that may have been missed due to self-isolation, on return to school
- attend all intervention sessions, one-to-one support and holiday/weekend classes that teachers offer
- start revision early for the summer exams
- take every practice exam seriously (particularly the mock exams over the next few weeks) and act on the feedback given by teachers.

Thank you once again for the great support that you have provided to the school over this difficult year as we have all wrestled with the restrictions associated with Covid-19. It is important that everyone continues to observe the rules to minimise the spread of the virus, to safeguard our community and enable our pupils to continue learning.

If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

