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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Re: Update Regarding Examinations for Year 11

Firstly, I would like to thank all our students for the hard work and effort they are putting into their studies at this time. The Department for Education have now made decisions regarding examinations for 2022.

For GCSE subjects:

There are adaptations to content for English Literature (poetry has been removed), History and Geography. Teachers will update students with the specific changes during lessons. GCSE Art will be a portfolio only with no external examination and there will be a release of topics for all other subjects by 7th February 2022 along with formulae sheets for Maths and Science. GCSE PE will be graded on two rather than three activities.

The Department for Education are still asking for a TAG (Teacher Assessed Grade) if examinations cannot proceed as planned. We are to hold **3 assessments** for examination classes in the Autumn, Spring, and Summer terms and these must be run like formal examinations with any dispensations, under examination conditions and using GCSE examination questions/papers. Students can be given marks, feedback, and grades but NOT their TAG as this is cumulative over the year. For any GCSE subject where there is coursework, this will still be used to inform the final grade.

Year 11 assessment points will be the mock examinations currently taking place (November), the mock examinations from 31st January 2022 and a final examination assessment in May 2022 (if there are no formal examinations).

These will be our assessment points and WILL contribute to the overall TAG grade if required.

For Vocational subjects (BTEC, RSL):

For BTEC Nationals (QCF and RQF), BTEC Level 2 Skills and the BTEC First streamlining is available. This is where the number of internally assessed units, that need to be assessed in full, is reduced. For Level 2 Tech Awards there is then in-unit adaptation where the amount of assessment evidence, needed to meet criteria within an internally assessed unit, has been reduced.

Yours sincerely,

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