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Head of School

Mr M. Davies

Dear All,

As we have already spoken to you about, and as I am sure you have seen in the national news over the past few months, your GCSE and BTEC exams are scheduled to go ahead as usual next summer. This means that you will sit the formal exams in May and June for all of the subjects you are currently studying, and we do not expect exams to be cancelled as they were for the past two years. As we've spoken to you about previously, you need to keep your focus on making sure that you keep up to date with all of the classwork and homework set by your class teachers, as well as planning your revision on an ongoing basis (remember you should be preparing for your mock exams, which take place in January).

There have been some adaptations regarding the content and the structure of the exams for some subjects to allow for the impact of the pandemic and to ensure that no students are disadvantaged in any way. Your teachers all understand the implications of this, and have already planned this in to how they are teaching you and preparing you for each subject throughout Year 11. Further information is due to be released by the exam boards in February, and we will make sure you are kept fully updated about what this means for you in the subjects you are studying.

Ofqual is the national examinations regulatory body, and we have been asked to share a letter with all Year 11 students by their Chief Regulator. Please do take a few moments to read this, and if you have any questions, please speak to your form tutor in the first instance, or your class teacher if it is about an individual subject. You can find the letter by clicking on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

In the meantime, remember that there are lots of people in school who can help and support with any questions or worries you may have, so please just ask if you need it. Your form tutor or Head of Year is a good starting point, but you can also speak to your class teachers, Heads of Department or any member of the leadership team in school. Mr Cleverley is also available if you need any support with managing any worries about exams or any other issues as well as the Aspire Centre team of staff.

We understand how challenging Year 11 can seem at times, and we are always here to help, but we are equally so proud of how you are engaging in lessons and how hard you are working. Keep it up, and we are really confident that you will achieve all the successes you so deserve in the summer next year.

Mr Davies

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