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Dear Parents

I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well. Firstly, may I take the opportunity to thank you for your support during what has been a hugely successful start to the new academic year.

Summer 2022 Examinations

Following the government announcement yesterday, you will be aware that exams in 2022 are scheduled to go ahead but with some adjustments to support your child. For your information, I have listed the adjustments below:

- Academic year 2021-2022 will act as a 'transition year' to 'reflect the recovery period', next summer's results will be wound back to a 'mid-point' between 2019 and 2021, after two years of unusually high grade inflation.
- Students will get notice of exam topics in some subjects to aid revision, choice of questions in English Literature, history and geography.
- Formulae for maths and science subjects will be provided.
- Teachers will also get information on the focus of exam content so they can guide students on what to revise – February
- The option of teacher-assessed grades will be kept in reserve, either because of further disruption or because of public health advice. Schools must start collecting evidence from November onwards.

The link to the full government document can be found below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/outcome/decisions-proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022>

Year 11 Parents' Information Evening – Wednesday 10 November

We have scheduled the Year 11 Parents' Information Evening for **Wednesday 10 November, 5pm – 6pm**, this will be a good opportunity for you to speak with your child's Heads of Faculty. We know that our students perform at their best when their school studies are supported and encouraged at home; in order to give them the best chance of success, it is important that we are able to work in direct partnership with all parents. The event will focus on sharing the latest information with you on how to support your children with the challenges they will face in Year 11, and is an opportunity to receive bespoke careers guidance and advice on their next steps.

We do hope that you can join us for this important event and I am delighted to share that we will be providing **free of charge 'GCSE Revision booklets for each subject from CPG'**, (normally a cost of £15 per student), for those who attend.



Year 11 Assessments – Monday 15 November – Friday 26 November

To support teachers to accurately assess students' progress we have scheduled formal subject assessments for Year 11 to take place in school from **Monday 15 November to Friday 26 November**.

- The focus of the assessments is for the students to demonstrate what they know from content that has been taught by their teacher.
- The assessments will take place in the Hall, a full timetable will be emailed closer the assessment window.
- In the unlikely event that exams don't go ahead next summer, these assessments may be used as evidence to support a Teacher Assessed Grade.

Students will be encouraged to take their books home, and revision resources are scheduled to be uploaded onto Microsoft TEAMS.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Galer, your son/daughter's Year Leader in the first instance.

With Best Wishes

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