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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re. Examinations and assessments in 2021 (3rd December 2020)

The Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, has announced today the extra measures that will support students taking examinations and assessments in the summer of 2021. The press release can be read in full [here](#).

This welcome announcement is aimed at making the GCSE and A Level results for year groups who have faced significant disruption as fair as possible.

We have already been informed about amended content in some subject areas and the later start date for summer examinations. The additional measures are:

- More generous grading than usual to ensure that overall results are in line with the national outcomes from 2020;
- Advance notice of some topics that will be part of the examinations to help students to focus their revision (details to follow in the new year);
- Exam aids, such as formula sheets, to give students more confidence and reducing the amount they need to memorise;
- Additional exams to give students a chance to sit and exam if it has been missed due to illness or self-isolation;

While these announcements specifically relate to GCSE and A Level qualifications, it has also been announced that vocational and technical qualifications will see adaptations to address concerns about fairness.

I hope that, alongside the on-going support we are giving students in Years 11 and 13, these measures will go some way to reassuring parents/carers and students that everything is being done to help prepare for the summer examinations during these very challenging times.

I have been incredibly impressed by the positive and concentrated efforts our Year 11 and 13 students have shown towards the mock examinations which have been taking place over the last two weeks and feel confident that we can build on this momentum as we move into the spring and summer terms.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mr Jeremy Scott
Headteacher