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Dear Parent/Carer

Update on GCSE, AS and A Level Exams: Summer 2021

The government made an announcement about GCSE, AS and A Level exams yesterday. This much awaited announcement gives some clarity about the government's plans for next summer. There were no surprises with what was announced, and we will continue our planning and work with students to give them the very best opportunities to succeed next summer.

Key announcements included:

- more generous grading than usual, in line with 2020
- students receiving advance notice of some topic areas covered in GCSE, AS and A-levels, to help them focus their revision
- exam aids – like formula sheets – provided in some exams to give students more confidence and reduce the amount of information they need to memorise
- contingency exams – held shortly after the main exam series – so students can sit a paper if they miss all their assessments in a subject because of illness or self-isolation

The new measures complement the existing changes for next summer which include:

- reduced content in many subjects
- a delay to the start of exams and changes to the timetable

There will also be adaptations to vocational and technical qualifications to make sure there's parity with general qualifications.

Full details published yesterday can be read here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-support-the-summer-2021-exams/guidance-to-support-the-summer-2021-exams#students-who-miss-all-exams-including-the-contingency-paper?utm_source=3%20December%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Further details will be shared with schools by the government and exam boards before the end of January. We will keep you, and students fully informed as we receive more news.

Yours sincerely



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