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Dear Year 11, Year 12 & Year 13 Students, Parents & Carers

Update on arrangements for Public Examinations – Summer 2022

This letter provides an update on arrangements for students sitting public examinations in summer 2022 (GCSE, AS Levels, A Levels, Vocational & Technical Qualifications). A number of announcements were made by the government and Ofqual last week. A letter to students, from Ofqual's Chief Regulator can be viewed from the hyperlink below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in2022/letter-to-students

The letter from Ofqual outlines:

- Arrangements for Exams in 2022, including information about grading, and modifications to the assessment arrangements for some subjects
- Contingency arrangements if the 2022 exams cannot go ahead due to COVID-19 disruption, using a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) approach

The government is firmly committed to exams going ahead in summer 2022, but Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) would be used if that was not possible. TAGs are based on teachers' assessment of their students' work. Therefore, it is possible that the upcoming mock exams for students could be used to inform any TAGs if exams were not to go ahead in summer 2022. Our mock exam timetable for December 2021 has recently been published, and we will be supporting all students fully in the lead up to these mock exams.

Please do not hesitate to contact the relevant staff in school with any queries. We will continue to provide regular information to both students and families throughout the coming weeks and months, and we will do all we can to support students throughout 2021/22.

Yours faithfully

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Principal