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Dear Parents

Last week the Government made a broad announcement about their intent for the GCSE experience for Year 11 in 2021 and the expectation that examinations will be going ahead. In the announcement they stated the new measures to be put in place which include,

- more generous grading than usual, in line with national outcomes from 2020, so students this year are not disadvantaged
- students receiving advance notice of some topic areas covered in GCSE to focus revision
- exam aids - like formula sheets - provided in some exams giving students more confidence and reducing the amount of information they need to memorise
- additional exams to give students a second chance to sit a paper if the main exams or assessments are missed due to illness or self-isolation
- a new expert group to look at differential learning and monitor the variation in the impact of the pandemic on students across the country.
- if students miss one or more exams due to self-isolation or sickness but have still completed a proportion of their qualification, they will still receive a grade
- if a student misses all their assessments in a subject, they will have the opportunity to sit a contingency paper held shortly after the main exams. In the extreme case where a student has a legitimate reason to miss all their papers, then a validated teacher informed assessment can be used, only once all chances to sit an exam have passed

We will be monitoring this and any further announcement closely and share any relevant timely updates with you and your child. In the interim please continue to support and encourage your child using the information and 16 week plan in the Information to Parents booklet shared with you in October.

Yours sincerely

Dr L Newman
Principal

