

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer

At the end of term one, I would like to update you on changes that have been made to the 2021 GCSE examinations.

#### Examinations 2021

Parents may be aware that there have been announcements recently regarding the summer examinations series. The key headline is that the bulk of the examinations will take place later in the school year, with results days also pushed back accordingly. My personal view is that this is sensible and allows Year 11 pupils additional time to make up for missed learning during lockdown.

Most GCSE examinations will take place between the 7th June and the 2nd July 2021. However, the exam boards can place exams in the week after this if necessary so Year 11 pupils should be prepared to be in school up until 9th July. Vocational qualification exams and deadlines are expected to be scheduled to align with these dates.

There will be one GCSE Maths and one GCSE English paper taken prior to May half term to ensure that even in the event of some students having to isolate or becoming unwell in June / July – they will have taken at least some examinations to standardise any teacher assessments which may be required. I must stress at this point how important attendance is throughout the year, particularly for pupils preparing to take exams in 2021.

2021 Results days are later in the year, and we would ask that parents and pupils take careful note of the dates so that they are available to collect results and secure Sixth Form and college places. GCSE Results Day will be Friday 27th August 2021.

Lastly can I wish pupils a restful half term and hope this helps them return to school with renewed vigour in November.

Yours faithfully

Mr B Williams  
Vice Principal