

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

Dear Year 12 and 13 Parents.

### **Examination dates 2021**

I am writing to you to give you some key dates for exams next year as arrangements changed last week and will be different to the usual. 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 12 and 13 students additional time to make up for missed learning during lockdown.

Most GCSE and A Level 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 I advise no Y12 or Y13 pupils should consider the exam period finishing before the 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 maintaining as near as possible 100% attendance record is for pupils preparing to take exams in 2021.

Careful preparation and revision will of course be key, and we are already pleased with how our Year 12 and Year 13 cohorts have been working at the start of this academic year.

2021 Results days are later in the year, and we would ask that parents and students take careful note – as University admissions and decisions will take place within a fairly intense time period.

A Level Results Day: Tuesday 24th August 2021

GCSE Results Day: Friday 27th August 2021

I have given you these dates early to allow you to plan family arrangements over next summer to avoid clashes for your child.

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

Yours sincerely

Ben Williams  
Vice Principal