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Dear Parents, Carers and students,

Year 11: Summer 2021 Examinations

Further to my previous letter, I am writing to you today with an update regarding the summer 2021 series of examinations.

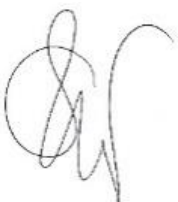
Yesterday, the Department for Education announced that GCSE, AS and A Level examinations will go ahead next summer and we are pleased that this has finally been confirmed for our students. Most examinations will take place three weeks later than usual, starting on **Monday 7th June** and ending on **Friday 2nd July** for almost all subjects. The aim of this is to provide students and teachers with more time to prepare for the examinations, to help make up for the disruption caused by the pandemic. Results day will also take place a little later than usual on **Friday 27th August** for GCSEs.

One exam for GCSE English and one for GCSE Maths will take place before half term. This aims to give Year 11 pupils affected by COVID-19 the best chance of sitting a paper in each of these core subjects. We will share more details about this with you once further guidance has been provided by the examination boards.

The Government has also announced that it will 'engage widely with the sector over the next six weeks to identify any risks to exams at a national, local, and individual student level, and consider measures needed to address any potential disruption'. As always, I will share further information with you once this has been released.

This is a crucial time for our students and we will continue to do everything we can to support them to succeed.

Yours sincerely,



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