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Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are keeping safe and well.

I am writing to you to share important information in relation to Year 11 summer 2021 exams.

Summer 2021 Exams

As you will be aware, on Monday 4th January the Prime Minister confirmed that some summer exams will *not go ahead as planned*, stating that it was not possible or fair for students. He continued by saying that the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, will work with the exams regulator, Ofqual, to put in place alternative arrangements for how grades will be awarded for the current Year 11 students.

A two-week consultation period began on Friday 15th January in which Ofqual have proposed the following:

- Students would continue with their education during this academic year
- Students would be awarded a grade in each subject based on their teachers' assessment of the standard at which the student is performing
- Students would be assessed by their teachers in a period beginning in May into early June
- Teachers would submit grades to the exam boards by mid-June
- Results would be issued to students most likely in early July

You are able to access full details of the consultation via the following link ([Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)) and I would urge you to share your views as parents of Year 11 students.

As we await the final outcomes of the consultation, it is clear that there will still be the requirement of some form of assessment to enable teachers to make accurate and robust assessment of the standard at which your child is working. Therefore, it is vitally important that your child continues to attend their online lessons and submit any work when requested. As an Academy, we are continuing to deliver all lessons remotely, with students accessing their normal timetable virtually via Microsoft Teams. After school learning and intervention sessions are also taking place via Teams in order to support Year 11 students further.

Furthermore, the mock exams which were due to begin on the 18th January remain postponed until we have more information regarding the date students will return to school and I will share the rearranged date or arrangements as soon as it is possible to do so.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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