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Dear Parent/Carer

The government has reaffirmed their intention for exams to go ahead next summer which means that we will be preparing to deliver these to Y10 and Y11 students, in line with our curriculum. Last week the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson announced a variety of extra measures to support students through the exams. The first measure taken was to delay the exams for a further three weeks to allow for more teaching and preparation time. These are due to begin on Monday 24 May. Additionally, the government has also announced their intention to make the following changes.

The new measures 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, AS and A levels 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; and
- a new expert group to look at differential learning and monitor the variation in the impact of the pandemic on students across the country.

These are the measures that have currently been announced and we will continue to work with you and your child to prepare for the summer exam period. As further changes are announced we will also continue to keep you updated.

Yours faithfully



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