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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to provide you with the latest information from the Department of Education ("DfE") in respect of the 2022 summer public examinations. We want to ensure that you are aware of what has been released with a summary of the key messages:

- The DfE are determined that the summer examination series will go ahead.
- Students taking GCSEs in English Literature, History, Ancient History and Geography will not need to
 cover the usual range of content in the exams the Exam Boards have published information on their
 websites on how this will work for each of their specifications in these subjects. Teachers have adjusted
 their lessons to reflect this. Students taking GCSEs in all other subjects will be given advance information
 about the focus of the exams' content to support their revision; this will be published by the Exam
 Boards no later than 7 February 2022.
- Students taking AS and A-levels will be given advance information about the focus of the exams' content to support their revision; the Exam Boards will publish this no later than 7 February 2022.
- Students taking GCSE Mathematics will be given copies of formulae for use in their exams; in previous years, they would have been required to memorise these.
- Students taking GCSE Physics and Combined Science will be given a sheet covering all the equations for use during their exams.
- The advance information outlined above for GCSE and AS and A-levels will be published no later than 7
 February 2022. The Government will also decide whether the advance information should be published
 earlier.
- There is a contingency plan, in the unlikely event, that Covid-19 prevents the examinations from taking place.
 - Should exams not go ahead we will once again use Teacher Assessed Grades.
 - They suggest students have 3 sets of assessments, Autumn term 2021, Spring term 2022 and Summer term 2022.
- The DfE always release a date when the public examinations are formally over and it is Wednesday 29 June 2022.

For further information please read: <u>Letter to students - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>. Please support us in helping your child achieve the best possible grades by reminding them of the importance of working hard and good attendance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Paula Martin Deputy Head