

9th February 2022

Dear Y11 Parent / Carer,

Two days ago, the Government announced its last decision about what is referred to as Advance Information for teachers and students sitting their GCSEs this summer. What this means is that they have given each subject a list of amendments made to their specification, for example, in English Literature, we knew that students were no longer required to study the poetry unit.

We have downloaded each subject who has had a final amendment and you can find them on our [website](#) so that you have an idea of some of the changes made and can discuss them with your child. For some subjects, the changes are minimal and of course staff will discuss them with their students. What we have also been told is that examination boards are likely to be more generous with the grade boundaries but obviously, this will only be confirmed once students receive their results in August.

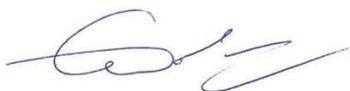
I also wanted this opportunity to thank students and their parents for your support during the second mock period. Students have behaved impeccably, and some will have seen huge improvement in their performance. We had a small group of students who missed their mock examinations due to absence. I am aware that these can sometimes be inevitable, but we should also teach young people to be resilient and make it to school if at all possible. In the summer, they will not be able to miss exams unless they have a medical certificate to confirm their absence. For your information, the exam timetable is also on our [website](#). Please note that even though the exams finish before the end of June, the exam boards have a reserve date, should they need it. **This year the reserve date is Wednesday 29th June, so please do not plan any holidays until after that date.**

I will write to you again early in term 4 to make you aware of our final intervention programme for Year 11. This means that there will be a selection of after school, lunch and am registration sessions used for extra revision. Staff may also offer sessions during both the Easter and May half-term breaks though this will be confirmed at a later date.

We are all doing a great deal of work to ensure that each Year 11 student achieves the best that he / she can and deserves. It will be good for students to sit examinations again and it is therefore important that they all engage in regular, personal study time as well.

Please do get in touch with me if you have any concerns about any aspect of this letter. We are, of course, looking forward to welcoming you to our face-to-face consultation evening on Thursday 17th February.

Kindest regards,



Mrs C Walker
Vice Principal