

7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Re: GCSE Summer Examinations**

Dear Parent,

Following the Secretary of State's [announcement](#) on 6<sup>th</sup> January, I can confirm the following:

- GCSE examinations will not go ahead this summer.
- Teacher-assessed grades will be used to determine GCSE grades, '*with training and support provided to ensure these are awarded fairly and consistently*'. In the absence of any further information at this stage, I imagine the process will be similar to how centre-assessed grades were determined last year (for the 2020 cohort).
- Although not explicitly stated, I believe there is a firm expectation that Year 11 pupils continue with their education until the end of June and this work will contribute to the determination of the teacher-assessed grade.

In terms of the continuation of education, I have prioritised the roll out of MS Teams with Year 11. You will shortly receive details of how your child can access a personal school Office 365 account, along with further details about remote lessons via MS Teams.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal