

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

**Re: Summer Examinations Update**

Dear Parent,

Following the Government's [announcement](#) on GCSEs in 2021, I am in a position to update you with regards to the current position.

- The summer examinations will be approximately 2-3 weeks later than usual to allow for additional preparation time - [GCSE Examinations Timetable 2021](#).
- The grading will be more generous than usual, in line with national outcomes from 2020, so pupils in 2021 are not disadvantaged.
- Pupils will receive advance notice of some topic areas to focus revision.
- Exam aids e.g. formula sheets will be provided in some examinations giving pupils more confidence and reducing the amount of information they need to memorise.
- Additional examinations will be available to give pupils a second chance to sit a paper if the main examination is missed due to Covid-related illness or self-isolation.
- A new expert group will be appointed to look at differential learning and monitor the variation in the impact of the pandemic on pupils across the country.

As and when I receive further information, I will share this with you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal