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Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE Summer Exams

We have recently seen an announcement from the government regarding the next round of GCSE exams in the summer of 2021. There is obviously much that might change between now and then but the key messages were:

- Exams will go ahead, but most will be delayed by about three weeks, taking place between 7 June and 2 July.
- One Maths and one English GCSE exam will be held just before the May half-term, to give pupils affected by Covid a better chance of still sitting a paper in each of these subjects.
- Results day will be Friday 27 August for GCSEs.
- Contingency measures will be developed, "in partnership with the sector", to address "the range of scenarios which might impact students' ability to sit exams". Ofqual will spend the next six weeks consulting on what these contingency measures might look like, with more detail to be published "later in the Autumn".
- No further subject-level changes to exams and assessments will be made, beyond those small adjustments already outlined by Ofqual.

We are obviously prepared for any eventuality with the exams and I will continue to keep you updated with any changes, as and when they are announced.

A reminder that the Y11 mocks will take place in January and February 2021. These will be a full set of exams and must be treated with the utmost importance.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Twist
Headteacher

