



Headteacher: Gus Diamond

January 2023

Dear Year 11 Parent

Happy New Year and can I welcome everyone back after the break. Having now sat their mocks, and with only a few months left before our children sit the 'real' exams we need to make you aware of the current national situation.

The exam boards and Ofqual (the government agency which monitors examinations) are still mindful of the negative impact of Covid on the examination series for this summer. They have though set up contingency plans just in case there is any disruption.

The awarding bodies have collectively agreed a contingency day for several years now which is always scheduled at the end of the GCSE exam timetables. The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams. For the June 2023 exams, the awarding bodies have therefore introduced two additional half-day contingency sessions. **These are on Thursday 8 June 2023 and Thursday 15 June 2023.** The standard contingency day remains at the end of the timetable being scheduled on **Wednesday 28 June 2023.**

We have been asked to make both our pupils and yourselves aware of the contingency arrangements on these three days. Please consider the contingency day of Wednesday 28th June 2023 when making your plans for the summer. I would encourage to make sure that your child remains available until Wednesday 28th June 2023 should examinations need to be rescheduled. Not being able to sit an exam without a good cause will negatively impact on your child's overall grade therefore please do follow this advice.

In terms of supporting your child and making sure they are as prepared as they can be for the 'real' thing, we will share your child's mock results with them on 20th January. This will be at the end of the school day. We will distribute mock results in a similar way to how the GCSE results will be collected in August. Your child will receive an envelope with the mock results enclosed which they will bring this home with them at the end of the day. The intention behind this is both to prepare the pupils for this experience and motivate them to work towards their final goals.

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In the meantime, if your child needs help/ support with their preparation for exams in the form of equipment, revision guides or materials or you would like to discuss any concerns regarding your child's preparation for the exams please do contact school and the relevant member of staff will make contact to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely

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