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Dear Parents/Carers,

My sincere thanks and congratulations to all Year 11 and 13 students for their examination preparation thus far. Students have managed a very challenging couple of years and have demonstrated high levels of resilience and determination to ensure they continue to 'let their light shine' both personally and academically.

As you are aware, examinations are planned to go ahead this Summer and a package of support is in place from the Department for Education, as we transition out of the pandemic. The support package includes:

1. Generous grading
2. Changes to coursework
3. Optional content
4. Support material
5. Advance information

For further information from the DfE please click [here](#).

Staff have taken the time to ensure curriculums have been adapted in response to this information and are sharing key information directly with their classes in order to ensure revision is focussed in the right areas. Schools have been informed that 2022 will be a 'transition year' in terms of grading and that grades will reflect a 'midway point between 2021 and 2019'.

Students have been spoken to this week to congratulate them on their hard work and remind them of the need for a well organised revision programme. For further support, please visit the [revision section](#) of the school website.

Examination timetables and statements of entry have been issued to students for them to check for accuracy. Should you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the school Examinations Officer via main school reception. Final timetables will be issued following the Easter break which will include any access arrangements and examination venue details. Please be advised that the examination timetable is set nationally, and as such, students must arrive on time for their examination. Should a student be absent for an examination, there is no potential of a re-arranged examination. To support students, examination boards have planned sufficient time between their examinations within a qualification, to account for any periods of isolation in light of Covid-19/other illnesses.

We will continue to guide students with revision and prepare them fully for their assessments and formal examinations. That said, I do wish to stress the importance of support at home in ensuring revision takes place and thank you for your continued efforts.

Students will also be reminded of exam hall regulations on their return to school. I will summarise some key points within this letter and advise you to visit [JCQ Instructions for candidates](#) for further information.



Key Examinations Advice

Students are not permitted to have a mobile phone in the examination venue, nor are they permitted any smart watches. These must be removed and switched off. Should any electronic device be 'active' and disturb an examination this would be a breach of regulations and could impact on the outcome of a qualification (or qualifications) within an examination board for the individual concerned.

Any drinks bottles or pencil cases must be transparent. Any labels on water bottles must be removed. No items of written work are permitted to be in the possession of the individual in the examination hall.

Students are reminded of the need to be fully prepared for each examination and bring a black ball point pen (only), pencil, ruler and calculator (excepting those non-calculator examinations). Lids i.e. on a calculator must be removed.

For comprehensive guidance, please refer to the JCQ regulations link within this letter.

May I take this opportunity to wish your son/daughter, the very best of luck with their continued examination preparation and every success for their future.

Yours faithfully,

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