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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Re: Summer 2022 GCSE and Vocational Qualification Update

As you may have seen The Department for Education (DfE) and Ofqual have now published the outcome of a consultation on how adaptations to GCSE exams will be put in place this summer to support students and make exams fairer for them given the disruption to their learning over the last 18 months.

You can find a summary of the key decisions and full document here -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1021743/6834_Decisions_for_proposed_changes_to_the_assessment_of_GCSEs_AS_and_A_levels_in_2022.pdf

Next Steps

The examination boards are now working to interpret this guidance and provide specific details and support to schools. In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to review and respond to the guidance when it is provided to ensure that our students are in the best possible position as they work towards their final examinations in the summer. Of course, we will continue to communicate this in a timely manner.

Next week you will receive a letter with regard Year 11 Mock exams, which are scheduled for later this term. I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that these have been carefully considered and reflect the guidance as it currently stands.

Grading of examination work in 2022

Ofqual have determined that 2022 will be a 'transition year' for grading. The adjustments to examination content, assessment and grading, along with the changes to non-exam assessment and fieldwork are designed to mitigate the impact of the disruption that students have faced during the pandemic, without undermining the value of their qualifications and their ability to progress successfully to further study. We do, however, await guidance for our vocational learners but anticipate this to reflect the adjustments made to GCSEs.

Issuing of Results

We are able to confirm that the results day for Summer 2022 will be **Thursday 25th August 2022**. We will communicate more information regarding this in due course but hopefully I am sure this is a useful date for diaries.

We remain committed to ensuring our Year 11 students are well prepared and supported to achieve their very best in their GCSEs and vocational courses. We thank you as parents and carers for your continued support and our students for their resilience and ongoing hard work.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Pinto
Headteacher