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Dear Year 11 and Year 13 Students (and Parents for information)

YEAR 11/13 EXAMS

Following the postponement of the January exams, we know that you will have a lot of questions regarding the way forward in relation to assessments for GCSE and A Levels. There is much information still to come from the Government and/or Ofqual and it is not possible to be too categorical at this stage. It looks likely that we will be asked to submit Centre Assessed Grades and that there may be some sort of official assessment supplied by the exam boards to be taken in schools, marked by teachers, possibly moderated externally and run in the summer term, even late in the summer term. However, this is still speculation at the moment.

Given the high degree of uncertainty therefore, this is where we are at the moment:

1. There will be no Y11/13 exams in January or February
2. We intend that exams will take place when you are back in school – the earliest expectation is that they will therefore take place in March. This remains dependent on the ending of the current lockdown.
3. We will give you advance warning (**minimum** one week) of the precise exam timetable.
4. We will ask each subject to give you guidance about exam content nearer the time.
5. You will continue to receive your usual assessments during remote learning.

FAQs

- Will the exams I take when I return to school be the same as the ones I was going to sit this month?
 - This will depend on when these internal exams take place. The later they occur, the more likely it is that material you are currently being taught will be included.
- Will my exam grade be my final grade if teachers are asked to submit centre assessment grades?
 - No, exam grades are very important pieces of assessment data in the overall calculation of a Centre Assessed Grade but they are not the only evidence considered.
- Aside from the exams, do teachers plan any further testing?
 - Yes, this will be decided within departments. You should expect your teachers to continue their usual assessment programme.
- Will all my teaching be revision from now on?
 - No, there is much left still to teach in most subjects. Given the prospect of official assessments in the summer term, it is important that you continue to cover the full range of material in the current specification.
- What happens if I am forced to isolate during the exam period?
 - You will need to contact the Exams Officer, Mrs Hogarth, immediately. We will have procedures in place to deal with this.
- If teachers are asked to submit Centre Assessed Grades, how will they be calculated?

- Full details will be issued when we have had them from the Government/Ofqual. Last year schools were given detailed guidance about how to calculate CAGs and we are required to abide by these guidelines.

When we have any further information, we will be in touch again to update you.

Kind regards

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