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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11,

We have updated you all recently with the proposals for the summer GCSE exams in 2021. Subsequently, Ofqual and the DfE have now published two consultation documents regarding this summer's grades. The consultation period ends on the 29th January 2021. In summary, the proposals are that:

- Students will continue with their education during this academic year.
- Non-examined assessment should continue as normal.
- Students would be **assessed** by their teachers in a period beginning in May and continuing into early June.
- It is likely this assessment will involve question papers completed by students and marked by their teachers.
- Teachers would submit grades to the exam boards by mid-June.
- External quality assurance by the exam boards would be ongoing throughout June.
- Results would be issued to students once the quality assurance process is complete, most likely in early July.
- Students will have a right to appeal their grade with their school, based on evidence.

The proposals make it clear that non-examined assessment will form part of the assessment process. It is therefore essential that students continue to access and complete their coursework and centre-assessed work during the remote learning period. This is particularly important for any students studying Cambridge Nationals, BTECs, or GCSE subjects with a practical component.

The scheduled BTEC examinations in February have been cancelled by the exam board and will not go ahead in school. It is possible students will be asked to complete these examinations at a later date, dependent on the outcome of the consultation.

Our message to all Y11 students remains: **continue to work hard on your courses as the work that you do now will help determine your overall grade.**

As soon as the results of the consultation are known, we will inform parents and students of the implications and the processes that will be used in order to determine this year's results. Please rest assured, we will work tirelessly to ensure that students are able to achieve the grades and recognition that their abilities, talents and attitude to learning deserve.

Please note that the rescheduled Year 11 online parents' evening will now take place on the evening of **Thursday 11th February 2021**. Students will receive their Mock Grade results before Friday 29th January in preparation for the evening. We will provide further details and arrangements within the next few days.

Thank you for your continued patience and support. I do hope the remote learning is going well, our staff are working hard to ensure our planning and delivery of our remote education in the coming weeks will be of the highest standard.

Best wishes

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