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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

GCSE and A Level Summer Examination Timetables and information

We have now received the summer examination timetable for both GCSE and A level, and we wanted to share this with you as soon as we could. Alongside this there have been some further plans put into place to support the students in this year's examination season. As with last year, students will be given formulae and equation sheets in GCSE mathematics, physics, and combined science exams.

From 2023 onwards, GCSE modern foreign languages exams do not have to test unfamiliar vocabulary. Exams may still contain unfamiliar vocabulary, but exam boards may give meanings for words that are not on their vocabulary lists, if they think this is appropriate for the task and intended level of challenge.

With the published exam timetable you will see that there remains a greater gap between exams in the same subject than was the case pre-pandemic. This is to help students' revision between papers and create additional time for teaching and revision. Exam boards have also included contingency sessions on the afternoons of 6 and 13 June, and all day on 26 June. These days would be used in the unlikely event that exams had to be moved because they could not take place when planned. Please ensure that these dates are kept available, should they be needed.

In 2023, we saw the return to pre-pandemic grading with grades being lower than achieved in 2022 and closer to the 2019 grading. This year will see the return to pre-pandemic grading and so again it is possible that we will see a drop in achieved grades.

We will continue to have contingency plans in place for our students, should they be needed, but please rest assured that the staff and school will do all it can to continue to support the students to achieve the grades that they have worked so hard for, and is the reason that we have continued to use the 2019 and now the 2023 grade boundaries which have been more challenging.

We will communicate further details to you as we are made aware of them, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Please see attached the subject intervention timetable for Year 11. Students are not expected to attend all interventions, and some are targeted sessions by invitation only where students will be notified on an individual basis. There may be some interventions that students are unable to attend due to other commitments. However, all year 11 students will continue to receive group and one to one in class support within their lessons.

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