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Dear Year 11 Parents

As you will be aware, on 12 October 2020, the Government confirmed their decision that GCSE examinations 2021 would go ahead but would be delayed by up to 3 weeks for some subjects. Additionally as we communicated to you earlier in the year, that the content of some subjects has been reduced or modified in recognition of the disruption to pupils' education during the national lockdown.

Further details can be found by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-welcomes-dfe-announcement-on-2021-exams>

### **Catch-up for Pupils after Isolation**

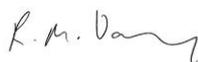
We are delighted that most Year 11 pupils have made such a positive start to this academic year and have worked hard both in the classroom and during any short periods of home learning over the last 2 months. It is a great credit to both pupils and their families.

We recognise however that working at home can be more challenging than keeping your focus in the familiar routine of the school day. In light of this, we now check in with pupils returning from any periods of isolation to look at the work they have completed and provide support in Friday after-school sessions if they have fallen behind. We thank you for your support of this initiative.

### **Year 11 Mocks Examinations**

We are holding our first set of mocks between 23 November and 4 December. Pupils and parents will be receiving information about their mock timetables and revision resources during the last week of this half term. We know that we can count upon you to encourage your pupils to take these examinations seriously and to prepare for them as well as they are able.

Yours sincerely



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