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## Yr 11 & 13 Summer Exams 2021 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

On the 4th of December we received an update from the Department for Education which contained some significant and important information regarding the summer 2021 examinations. The DfE has announced a further "package of exceptional measures" to support Year 11 and 13 students to sit their examinations.

In addition to the changes that have already been announced; reduced content in some subjects and the examinations starting 3 weeks later than is traditional,; the following additional measures include:

- Students to receive advance notices of some topics areas covered in GCSE, AS and A Levels
- Students to receive exam aids such as formula sheets in some exams
- Provision of additional exams in case of illness or self-isolation

This last point is the most significant. The main series of examinations will take place from the 7th of June 2021 to the 2nd of July 2021, however one GCSE English paper and one GCSE Maths paper will take place before the May 2021 half term. To minimise the possible impact of illness or self-isolation, a second examination window will be in place between the 28th of June 2021 and the 16th of July 2021. Any student who has missed an exam due to COVID related illness or self-isolation will be able to sit their missed exam during this second period and will not be disadvantaged.

This summer's examination season will not be the same as in previous years. Please ensure that all students are available for the full examination period; until July the 16th 2021. Please do not book holidays or agree to start employment or further training such as apprenticeships in July.

If you have any questions; please do not hesitate to contact me at school via Parentmail.

Kind regards,  
Miss Eleanor Bevan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Eleanor Bevan'.

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