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Trial Exam information for Year 11 and Year 13 students

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Dear Parents and Students,

I would firstly like to thank you for your continued patience as we wait for further information and guidance from the exam boards and the Department for Education.

The Prime Minister announced this week that schools would not reopen before March 8th 2021. Given that information our trial examinations will go ahead remotely, as planned, starting on March 1st 2021.

It is important for me to continue to reiterate the same message from my previous letter, dated January 22nd 2021. These trial exams are just one piece of evidence that will be used to determine a student's grade this summer alongside the evidence that staff have already gathered and will continue to gather from class work. Student grades will not rely exclusively on performance in the trial exams. It is also worth reminding ourselves that the trial exam process is a normal part of the Year 11 and Year 13 academic calendar.

We also continue to wait for the formal guidance that will come from the exam boards after February 22nd based on the outcomes of the Ofqual consultation.

Remote trial exams will not be exactly the same as exams that are taken in the hall but we have planned, meticulously, to ensure that these remote trial exams not only give students the best opportunities to show their capabilities but also that they are robust and fair.

Students will be given opportunities, if they have not been given already, an opportunity to practice the method in which the trial exam will be set in each subject. Careful marking, standardisation and moderation of work by all faculty areas will ensure that student's work is a fair representation of their ability.

In due course, guidance will be sent to all students alongside an FAQ document which aims to address any questions you may have.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Kind regards
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