



15th November 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Re: Contingency arrangements for GCSEs, AS and A Levels in 2022

On the 18th October I wrote to you to outline how adaptations to GCSE, AS and A level exams will be put in place for summer 2022. This letter and the full document can be found [here](#). Although the government is firmly committed to exams going ahead in summer 2022, they have now published contingency plans that schools must put in place in the unlikely event that exams have to be cancelled again because of the pandemic.

If exams have to be cancelled in summer 2022, students' grades would instead be determined by their schools, using a Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) approach similar to that used in summer 2021. Therefore, we are required to assess students at points throughout the academic year in order to gather evidence to determine CAGs, should they be needed. This does not mean that students will be required to undertake numerous and frequent assessments and the guidance states that *'total assessment time should not normally exceed the time students would spend taking exams for the relevant qualification'*.

We will now develop plans to ensure we are meeting the guidance, as set out in the contingency arrangements, and we will provide you with further information about any future assessments in due course. Whilst the exact dates and details of all assessments are yet to be determined, the Year 10, 11 and 13 Mock Exams will be one of the assessments that would be used as evidence in the event that exams are cancelled.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. I look forward to providing you with further information about our contingency arrangements in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Osborne
Deputy Principal