



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Change to Year 11 November exams

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware when a COVID case is identified in school, we take advice from Public Health England on which students should self-isolate. This has meant that we have a group of Year 11 students self-isolating for 14 days, which unfortunately has coincided with their Year 11 exams.

As a result, we have identified two main priorities, one is to make sure that students receive a rigorous and fair Year 11 exam in all subjects. This is crucial as it will allow teachers to accurately assess and feedback to each individual student allowing them to close gaps in their learning between now and their GCSE exams next summer. Secondly, we want to minimise the impact on class teaching time as we firmly believe that students make the best progress when in front of a subject specialist.

This means that we are going to make a change to the current Year 11 mock exam schedule. The changes mean that:

- Students who are in school will complete core subject exams this week.
- All option subject exams scheduled for next week will now be rearranged to the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Students who have missed exams this week due to having to self-isolate will sit the remainder of the core subject exams on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This will take place over three days, during which time teachers will lead consolidation work for those remaining in class.
- A revised exam schedule will be emailed out to all students by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

These changes allow us to support all students in lessons for as much time as possible and ensure that the Year 11 exam process remains robust.

The final change that will need to occur is that your child's report, that was scheduled to be sent to you in December, will be postponed until January. This will allow the report to contain the most up to date information about your child's progress, and steps that they need to take to prepare for final exams in the summer.

If you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance or Hannah Villegas, Learning Behaviour Support work for Key Stage 4 or myself at school.

Thank-you in advance for your support and flexibility as together we navigate these challenges.

Yours sincerely,

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