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Cancellation of GCSE and A Level Examinations

Many of you will already have heard the news today about summer exams. In summary:

- It was confirmed that GCSE, AS and A level examinations will not go ahead this year
- They will be replaced by 'a form of teacher assessment grades'
- Unlike last year, there will be no algorithm applied to grades provided
- Training and support will be provided 'to ensure these are awarded fairly and consistently across the country'
- These plans still need to be 'fine-tuned'
- No timeline for this process has yet been agreed but a consultation will begin next week

As usual, there are many, many unanswered questions and I appreciate that this announcement will create huge anxiety amongst our students. However, I can assure you that we will be aiming to achieve the best possible outcomes in any estimated allocation of grades for our students.

Whilst the mechanics of this new system are being devised, we would strongly encourage all students to continue to work as normal. We are of the opinion that there will be further opportunities between now and results' day for students to demonstrate their capability and we would not want any student to lose out because they had stopped working.

We will, of course, update you as we learn more.

Kind regards
Alex Hayes
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Online lessons commence - Tuesday January 5, 2021
February Half Term - February 15 to February 19, 2021

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