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Dear Parents/ Carers and Students,

Contingency Arrangements for GCSE and A-Levels in 2022

I am writing to inform you that examination boards have released information regarding contingency plans in the event of examinations being cancelled this year. The UK governments remain firmly committed to examinations going ahead this summer, they have published these plans to support schools in the unlikely eventuality that examinations need to be cancelled.

We are awaiting information about the contingency plans for Cambridge Assessment qualifications, we do expect these to be broadly in line with the other examination boards.

If examinations are cancelled in summer 2022, students' grades would be determined from a portfolio of evidence, using Centre Determined Grades (CDGs) in an approach like summer 2021. In line with the guidance, we are required to assess students at points throughout the academic year to gather evidence for CDGs, should they be needed. This does not mean that students will be required to undertake numerous and frequent assessments as the guidance states that '*total assessment time should not exceed the time students would spend taking the examination*'. We are also required to inform students which assessments could be used to provide evidence for the portfolio. The Year 11 and 13 Mock Examinations could be used as evidence in the event of summer examinations being cancelled.

Please do not be concerned, we will support students and make sure they are thoroughly prepared as we develop plans to ensure we are meeting the guidance as set out in the contingency arrangements. We will provide you with further details about future assessments which may contribute to CDGs in due course.

It is important to keep in mind that these assessments will only be used in the event of this summer's examinations being cancelled.

Yours sincerely

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