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## GCSE and A Level Public Examinations

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

It was with a heavy heart that we listened to the Prime Minister announce that public examinations for GCSE and A Level will not go ahead this summer.

We can understand that this will create considerable confusion, anxiety and disappointment and we feel very sorry about this on your behalf.

Unfortunately, as it stands today we have no further details about how these public examinations will work this year, but please be rest assured that we have been preparing for this scenario and have robust procedures in place for any form of Centre Assessed Grades, should these be necessary. **It is therefore crucial that all Year 11 and Year 13 students continue to access all on-line lessons and remote learning, and continue with their planned revision.**

In the meantime, we kindly ask that parents and students refrain from contacting classroom teachers about this situation.

We will write again as soon as we have further details, and students can be reassured that we will seek, as last year, to act fairly, ethically and without disadvantaging our young people.

Your sincerely,

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