

Dear students, parents, and carers,

You may have seen headlines on 29th September regarding decisions that have been made about **exams in summer 2023**. I am writing to explain more fully what this means for students preparing for GCSEs, AS, A levels and vocational qualifications this year.

The Government, the exams regulator Ofqual and the exam boards have confirmed the following:

- At a national level, grades will be in line with, but not lower than grades in 2019. This means that, generally speaking, students have the same chance of getting a grade A* or C at A level, or a grade 9 or 5 at GCSE, as in 2019.
- **Formula sheets will be provided in the GCSE maths, physics and combined sciences exams**, meaning that students will not need to memorise these formulae or equations. This is good news!
- Advanced information about where to focus revision, which was provided in 2022, **will not** be provided this year. Students will **need to learn and revise the whole specification as normal**. Any topic could come up in the exam.
- If a student has studied the whole course but is ill during the exam period they may be able to receive a grade by sitting one paper, **although certification of illness (formal note from doctor) will be needed**.

Key Dates

8th November -Y11 Parents' Evening

14th November -Year 11 Mock Exams begin

6th February -Year 11 2nd set of Mock Exams begin

27th March - Y11 Parents' Evening

15th May – GCSE exams begin (provisional)

Yours Sincerely,

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