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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, last week the Department For Education (DfE) published their contingency plans for GCSE and A Level examinations in the summer of 2022. It is fully expected that public examinations will take place in 2022 as planned. Some changes have already been made to the content of some subjects to help students prepare fully and reflect the disruption that has affected their course due to the global pandemic.

Notwithstanding this, the DfE is aware that there is a slight possibility that exams may need to be cancelled if there are further lockdowns causing students not to be in school. In the unlikely event that exams are cancelled, students' GCSE and A Level results will be determined by Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs).

The DfE has recommended that schools and colleges put in place arrangements to help teachers determine an accurate TAG for students. It has been recommended that schools hold three sets of internal examinations:

- Autumn term of 2021 - we have already planned for these examinations and they will take place in the next few weeks
- Spring term of 2022 - we have also provisionally prepared for internal examinations to take place in March 2022 if they are needed
- Summer term of 2022 - coursework and Non-Exam Assessments can also be used to decide a student's TAG if they are a normal part of the course.
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Students should therefore be aware that there is a possibility that the results of the internal examinations taking place in the next few weeks could form a part, but not all, of their final grade. It is unlikely that this will happen and this set of internal examinations will be valuable practice for the final examinations in the summer of 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students the very best of luck for the forthcoming internal examinations. If any student or parent has a particular concern about any aspect of the examinations, please feel free to contact me at the College.

Yours sincerely

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