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Dear parent/carer,

Announcement regarding GCSEs and A Levels

You may have heard the announcement regarding GCSEs and A Levels today. The Government has announced that exams will still take place, but with certain measures in place:

- more generous grading than usual, in line with 2020
- students receiving advance notice of some topic areas covered in GCSE, AS and A-levels, to help them focus their revision
- exam aids – like formula sheets – provided in some exams to give students more confidence and reduce the amount of information they need to memorise
- contingency exams – held shortly after the main exam series – so students can sit a paper if they miss all their assessments in a subject because of illness or self-isolation.

The new measures complement the existing changes for next summer which include:

- reduced content in many subjects
- a delay to the start of exams and changes to the timetable.

We are still waiting for further details of the measures outlined above. I will share them with you as soon as I know. Whatever you feel about this decision, at least we have a decision and we can continue to support your son or daughter in their learning. I know you will have your worries about periods of isolation and loss of learning, but I would ask that we wait until we have further information regarding the topics and what the exam aids can be.

The main thing is that we keep encouraging our students that all of their efforts now will be rewarded.

Thank you, as always, for your support and patience.

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