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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 and Year 13 students

Ofqual, the organisation that oversees public exams (GCSEs, A Levels, etc) have issued guidance this week to schools about what we should do in the unlikely event that exams are disrupted this summer. At this point it is expected that examinations will go ahead as planned, albeit with some adjustments. For example, some practical subjects will be coursework-based this year and in other subjects, pupils will have information supplied to them that will help them complete exams, such as formulae in Science and Maths. In addition, some subjects will examine less content, for example English Literature.

If for any reason exams don't take place, schools are expected to do the following:

- Ensure they have undertaken controlled assessments in exam conditions in Autumn / Spring / Summer.
- Use past exam papers in mocks with exam board mark schemes.
- Keep original student work from exams and other assessments. This will mean that work might be photocopied, including mocks and passed to the examination boards.

In more normal times schools routinely keep work for exam boards in case children fall ill when taking public examinations. Therefore, this practice is not new. However, with disruption more likely due to Covid-19, the importance of this practice is enhanced. Please do talk with your child about this, but also reassure them that they will be supported to produce their best work in case we need to use it to assess them formally for exam purposes.

Kind regards

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CEO

