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Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to 2022 GCSEs

Last week the government released some brief plans for students taking GCSEs in 2022, following the impact of COVID19. This will impact Year 10 students who are doing a First GCSE, the Short Course RE and early entry English or Maths. While we are finding out more each day, and still do not know the full picture, I thought I would write to you sharing what we do know:

- Courses such as English, History and Geography will have some topics or content removed from the specifications. This will be confirmed by the exam boards and we will let your child know as soon as we do.
- Exam boards will publish revision lists of content that may come up in the GCSE exams. This will be released in February and will enable students to focus their revision.
- There will be changes to practical GCSEs and BTECs. This could include the removal of whole units or exams.

We will inform you of any changes as soon as we know more.

November Mock Exams and Assessments

As part of the preparation for the actual GCSE exams Year 10 will be having mock exams or assessments in the first couple of weeks back after half term (week beginning 1st November). Geography First GCSE is the only subject holding an exam in an exam hall. This will be held in Q4 on Thursday 4 November at 11.30. Other First GCSE subjects will be holding assessments in class and your child's teacher will inform students of these and how best to prepare.

There will be further mock exams or assessments for the 2022 GCSEs in January and February/March. We will let you know the details of these closer to the time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

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