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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

Exam contingency plans: Summer 2022

As you may be aware, Ofqual recently published exam contingency guidance for schools to follow in the event of the summer 2022 examinations not going ahead as planned.

Firstly, I would like to reassure you that this guidance is a safety net that may not be needed. The government is firmly committed to exams going ahead in summer 2022. The contingency plan is a precaution to help us to award a teacher-assessed grade if this is required.

The guidance states that each student should have three common pieces of evidence completed under exam conditions, spread across the academic year. We will be using the November/December PPEs (pre-public examinations), the February/March PPEs plus one other assessment completed under exam conditions. This final assessment will take place in the summer term, and teachers will remind students in advance that the assessment will form part of the evidence required.

In January, your child will be given their grades for their November/December PPEs in each subject. This is not a teacher-assessed grade, as it is only based on one paper (or a small section of the whole course). A teacher-assessed grade, if needed, will be based on a wider sample of evidence.

The next set of PPEs are in February/March. We will of course publish information about this in January and will ensure you are kept informed of all decisions and timetables in advance.

We will be holding a special PPE results morning for Year 11 on Tuesday 11th January in the hall. We will also be arranging for your child's PPE results to be emailed to you on the same day. We hope this will provide you with the chance to reflect on your child's performance so that more informed and important conversations with your child's teachers can take place at the parents' evening on Thursday 13th January.

More information relating to parents' evening will follow in early January, where a decision will be taken, as to whether the event is face-to-face or remote, based on the prevalence of covid-19 cases in the school community.

If you have any questions regarding this exam contingency guidance, or about the Year 11 PPEs, please contact me and I will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely



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