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Dear Parents and Carers,

Advance Information for GCSE, AS and A level exams released

We are very pleased that the Government has announced that examinations will go ahead this summer.

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be explaining to students the changes to content and assessment and so the next ten school weeks before the start of the examination series will be critical to your child's success.

All of the content of the specifications has now been covered, and so the focus after the half-term break will be on revision to ensure students' depth of understanding and confidence in their examination technique.

Advance topic lists have not been released for English Literature, Geography, History and Art; this is because there has already been an element of option, which has reduced the content to be examined.

Students will need to have drawn up their own personalised revision timetable using their Personal Learning Checklist to assist them with deciding how to allocate their time to the areas of the course that require more attention. At this stage, students should be spending at least 2.5 hours per day on homework and revision. Students need to refer back to the guidance given to them in the Maximizing Your Potential workshops, which took place last term.

An intervention timetable will be available after half-term, with specific students invited. It is very important that students who are invited to attend intervention sessions go prepared and focused so that they can obtain the maximum benefit from them.

The next set of Pre-Public Exams begin on Monday 7 March and students need to implement feedback from their subject teachers to support them to be successful.

Whilst we are hopeful of the exams going ahead in the summer, we need to be prepared with our contingency plans in the unlikely event they do not, and we would once again be required to provide Teacher Assessed Grades, so all the work that students are currently doing will be of great significance.

I am attaching a letter to students from the Chief Regulation of Qualifications, along with Frequently Asked Questions. Please read and discuss these documents with your child.

With my very best wishes,

Miss S Malone
Principal

