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Dear Year 13 Students and their Parents/Carers

Summer 2022 Contingency Plan Update & November Extenuating Circumstances

As you may be aware, the Department for Education and Ofqual have recently published further details of contingency arrangements for Summer 2022. If examinations cannot go ahead nationally, grades will be determined through teacher assessment. This is not the government's preferred approach and they are firmly committed to examinations going ahead, if at all possible.

Ofqual have recently published this <u>letter to students</u> that we feel it important to share with you.

Having recently completed assessments in the majority of their A Level subjects, and with the Year 13 trial examinations planned for Monday 31 January until Thursday 10 February 2022, our existing assessment schedule covers much of the requirements of the contingency plan. If additional assessment opportunities are required, we will keep you fully informed and ensure these are planned such that the experience and feedback help students prepare for their examinations.

Extenuating circumstances

In the (hopefully unlikely) event that the outcomes of the recent November assessments need to be used as part of a teacher assessment grading process, we are giving students the opportunity to make us aware of any extenuating circumstances that may have affected their performance in these recent assessments.

If you believe that your performance may have been affected by an event that was outside of your control at the time of, or immediately before, the assessment (such as illness, family crisis or bereavement), then you need to make us aware via <u>this Google form</u> by Tuesday 30 November 2021. This information will not be used to adjust your mark at this time, but will be taken into consideration if A Level examinations are cancelled and we are required to use this assessment as part of the grading process.

Kind regards

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