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Dear Parent / Carers,

Back in Term 1, I wrote to you outlining the changes made nationally to support the award of qualifications in Summer 2022. Alongside contingency planning (in the event that the exams do not go ahead), a number of changes have been made to ensure that students have the best possible chance of achieving qualifications in line with their peers in previous years. For 2022, this includes:

- **Generous grading** - Exams will be graded more generously this year providing a safety net for students.
- **Changes to coursework** - Non-exam assessment and fieldwork requirements adjusted, with flexibility in some subjects.
- **Optional content** - There will be less content or fewer topics for students to learn in some GCSEs and A levels.
- **Support materials** - Students will get formulae and equation sheets in some exams and won't have to memorise the usual range of these.

Link to [Summary diagram](#)

In addition, on the 7th February, exam boards released some 'Advance Information' which provides some subject specific guidance on what will be assessed in the external exams. The release of this information was accompanied by a letter from Dr Jo Saxton, Chief Regulator for Ofqual:

Dear students,

In my job as Chief Regulator of qualifications I get to meet many students, teachers and parents from different parts of the country. Speaking to students like you, who are getting ready for formal exams and assessments, it's clear to me that you want life to get back to normal and that you would like as much certainty about what is going to happen as possible.

For that reason the exam boards have, this week, published for you 'advance information' on their websites. This is subject by subject, specification by specification, specific outlines of the focus of questions across many of your summer exams. [We've added a tool on our website which shows you what is available for each subject.](#)

These materials are just one of the ways we are working to make sure that, despite the disruption caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, your exams and formal assessments are less daunting.

You will also get formulae sheets for GCSE maths exams and updated equation sheets for GCSE physics and combined science exams, so you won't have to memorise as much.

As well as advance information and formulae sheets, you will be supported by generous grading, which will provide you with a safety-net to protect you from just missing out on a grade.

We will also publish videos, infographics and other materials to help those of you who have been prevented from ever sitting a formal exam, to know what that feels like.

You can find more information at the following official sources:

- [Rolling update](#)
- [Ofqual Instagram](#)

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- [Ofqual blog](#)

Best wishes,

Dr Jo Saxton Ofqual Chief Regulator

Exam boards have published specific information about the changes for each qualification they offer and I would encourage you to take some time to look at their websites for more information:

- [AQA](#)
- [OCR](#)
- [Pearson Edexcel](#)
- [WJEC Eduqas](#)

Over the coming weeks, subject teachers will use this guidance to focus exam preparation and revision for the summer examinations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a lovely half term break. Should you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

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