

Our Ref: MAD/BAM

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you on recent guidance the government has provided regarding GCSE examinations this year. Attached to this letter you will find:

- the timetable for Pre-Public Examinations
- a presentation outlining individual subject adaptations
- a presentation shared with student this week to prepare them for their examinations (please follow the link [here](#))
- A PPE checklist for students

Adaptations in the Event of Summer Examinations

Last term I wrote to you outlining the adaptations made to certain subjects this year. We now have a little more specific detail and Heads of Subject have prepared a document outlining these changes. This is attached.

Contingency Plans in case the Pandemic makes it impossible to host Summer Examinations

At the end of last week, the government released its contingency planning in the event that the pandemic does not permit examinations to go ahead. The key points are:

- In the event that examinations cannot take place, we would be assigning Teacher Assessed Grades using a similar process to last year.
- Students would be graded on assessments completed at three points across the year.
- The PPEs students are sitting next week would, in this event, contribute to the final Teacher Assessed Grade

I realise that this is short notice in advance of the PPEs; we are writing to you as soon as we receive updates.

We are confident that students have everything they need to be successful in these PPEs. All students received a lesson on effective revision in their English class two weeks ago which should have equipped them with the skills to boost their retention and retrieval.

Students have all received a hard copy giving details of their seating for the PPE exams and it is also available on Edulink. Please ask your child to check Edulink the evening before an exam in case there have been any changes.

Please encourage your child to rest and revise so that they are ready for their PPE exams next week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Madziva', written in a cursive style.

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