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Dear Year 11 Pupil & Parent/Guardian

Re: 2021/22 Exams & Assessments

You will probably be aware from media reports last week that Education Minister Peter Weir has announced that there will be a return to public examinations during the 2021/22 academic year.

Young people will, however, have fewer examinations in 2022 and there will be significant reductions in assessment across the range of CCEA qualifications. A unit of study will be omitted from the vast majority of GCSE and Occupational Studies qualifications.

Year 11 Assessments

In my recent letter (dated 14th May), I explained that the outcomes of the forthcoming Year 11 Summer 2021 Assessment may be used to create a final GCSE grade in Summer 2022.

While it has been encouraging to see many sectors of the economy re-open again this week, the Scientists still advise that we proceed with caution as there is always the possibility of another lockdown and thus a further period of remote learning. It is for this reason, **that the outcomes of these Summer 2021 Assessments may still be used to create a final GCSE grade in Summer 2022 and therefore all pupils still need to take these assessments seriously.**

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully

Neil Megaw

Principal