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Dear Parent / Guardian

We know that you and your daughter have been keen to hear about changes to GCSE subject specifications and how this will impact on examinations in the summer of 2021. Information on changes to content from CCEA is continuing to arrive at School and subject teachers will keep pupils updated.

For many subjects your daughter is studying, there will not be a requirement this year to sit an examination in one of the modules from the GCSE course, largely this will be material that was delivered during Year 11. There will be some exceptions to this, for example GCSE English Language and GCSE Mathematics (please see attached letters). However, pupils may choose to take any of these module examinations if they feel it will be to the benefit of their overall grade outcome. Pupils will need to consider this carefully and may want to discuss this with their subject teacher before making a final decision.

CCEA have stated the following:

Units eligible for omission will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.

For those students who started their GCSE course in September 2019 and are due to cash in the full GCSE in Summer 2021 should they choose to sit all units of the GCSE, they will receive the higher of either:

- *The grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units specified by CCEA; or*
- *The grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification.*

The School will be happy to facilitate the sitting of such modules during the summer examination session, on receipt of a letter signed by a parent or guardian. Parents should note that teachers will not be able to provide additional revision support for these module examinations and the responsibility for preparation and revision for examinations on omitted modules will belong to the pupils. Staff will continue to focus on those parts of the course in which examinations are mandatory and prepare pupils for these GCSE units.

We recognise that many of these decisions are difficult and will require time and consideration. I will contact you again in advance of the summer examinations to clarify which, if any additional modules your daughter wishes to take as an external examination. In the meantime, we wish your daughter well with her GCSE studies and commend Year 12 pupils for their mature and positive attitude in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr C Larmour', written in a cursive style.

Dr C Larmour
Vice Principal