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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: GCSE AND A LEVELS 2022

The following is for information purposes only and we will update you as soon as we have any further information:

The Government and Ofqual recently announced the contingency arrangements in the unlikely event that public exams in England do not go ahead, as planned next summer due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The government's intention is that exams will go ahead with some adaptations to some exams. These final adaptations will only be announced in February, though some current details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/outcome/decisions-proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022>

Should public exams be cancelled students will be given a TAG (Teacher Assessed Grade) based on evidence collected throughout their courses. The government have also asked for three exam-style tests to take place before the summer to be used as part of the evidence. We will therefore continue with our planned CAP (Common Assessment Points) points and, should exams be cancelled, these will form part of the evidence.

We will be using our CAP 6, 7 and 8 as this evidence for the A Levels and GCSEs.

These will take place:

Assessment Title	Week commencing
CAP 6	17 th January 2022
CAP 7	28 th February 2022
CAP 8	18 th April 2022

We will be using exam unit results, assignments and one assessment for BTEC/ CTEC and other vocational courses.

This will take place:

Assessment Title	Week commencing
VCAP	21 st March 2022

T Level students will be informed in class of their arrangements.

These are very much contingency plans, and the College will continue with its teaching, learning and assessment as planned. Whilst these CAPs are important for students to help them prepare for the public examinations, we do not wish students to become too worried about them. If students do feel under stress or over-whelmed, they should see their teachers and/or Achievement Tutors for support.

We continue to support our students and will ensure that any final assessments are fair and allow them to reach their full potential.

Please continue to access information via our website, which is regularly updated.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Dumont". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Sarah Dumont
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