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Dear Parents/Carers

Last week the Government published details about how the summer examinations will run in 2021 and the changes they will make to ensure students will not be unfairly disadvantaged as a result of Covid-19. You can find the link to the guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-support-the-summer-2021-exams/guidance-to-support-the-summer-2021-exams>

In summary:

- Most examinations have been set back by a number of weeks to create more teaching time. The main exam series will run from 7 June to 2 July 2021.
- Ofqual – the qualifications regulator – and the Department of Education have suggested they will use the same generous grade boundaries for the summer 2021 season that were used in summer 2020.
- Students will get advance notice of some of the topic areas that will be covered in exams. Additionally, in some subjects, supporting materials, such as formula sheets, will be provided on the day of the exams. We will get more information about this in January.
- Special consideration may be given to a student if they need to self-isolate or if the student is ill during an examination. Medical evidence will be needed.
- If a student has to miss all exams in a subject, they will be able to sit a single contingency paper. This will take place between 28 June and 16 July 2021.
- If a student misses all exams and the contingency paper for a legitimate reason, they may be awarded a validated teacher assessed grade.
- Results Days will be Tuesday 24 August for A levels and Friday 27 August for GCSEs.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Director of Learning or myself Alex Smith (Examinations Officer) (Alex.smith@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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