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Dear Parents / Carers

On Thursday last week, the Department for Education published their contingency plans for the 2022 GCSE and A Level examinations. It is absolutely the intention that students will be externally examined, but contingency plans have been put in place for use if necessary. These plans outline what is expected of schools throughout this year to allow the generation of Teacher Assessed Grades, should they be required.

As you know, your child has been sitting a range of preliminary examinations throughout this fortnight. These examinations now have two purposes: they will be used in school to diagnose areas of strength and areas to develop for each child and they will also be the first piece of evidence in the portfolio of assessments for each child.

Given this new information from the Department for Education, it is necessary to supplement the preliminary examinations taken in mathematics with a further series of preliminary papers for this subject only. These will take place during lessons in the week commencing Monday 22 November.

We will issue further guidance to parents / carers in the near future regarding the detail of the contingency arrangements.

In the meantime, if you have any queries regarding the preliminary examinations, please contact your child's Head of House.

Kind regards

Mrs D Ritchie

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