



Thursday, 2nd April 2026

Dear Year 11 Parents and Guardians,

RE: iGCSE Examinations Update

I am writing to inform you of an important development regarding this year's external examinations.

The Ministry of Education has announced that all external examinations for this academic year have been cancelled. This includes the iGCSE examinations scheduled for our Year 11 pupils.

At present, we are awaiting *official written confirmation* from both of our external exam boards, Pearson and AQA. We expect this confirmation to be issued later today, and we will update you as soon as we receive it.

As a result of the cancellation, pupils' iGCSE grades will be awarded through International Contingency Grading.

Under this system:

- Centres will be required to apply for International Contingency Grading.
- Schools must submit evidence of student performance for review by exam board examiners.
- Examiners will then determine final grades in line with the contingency arrangements.

Over the coming weeks, we will be collecting a range of evidence to support your child's grade. We will be in communication with you shortly to outline how this process will work and what specific evidence we will be asking pupils to complete or submit. Our aim is to ensure that every student is supported and that the evidence accurately reflects their ability and progress.

In preparation for this possibility, the school has already structured the online school day to support assessment and evidence collection. An additional assessment period has been built into the end of each day so that teachers can review and complete assessment work with pupils in a focused and structured way.

We have also made Tuesday a full teaching day during the period of remote learning. The two additional lesson periods on Tuesdays will be used in part to support examination year pupils with the completion and submission of assessed work and to ensure that all necessary evidence can be gathered carefully and fairly.

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We understand that this news may raise questions or concerns, and we want to reassure you that we are fully committed to guiding pupils and families through this process with clarity and care. Our teachers have maintained detailed records of student performance throughout the year, and we are confident that we can provide strong, reliable evidence on behalf of every student.

We will provide further updates as soon as the exam boards release their formal statements.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind regards,

Assheton Woodall
Principal