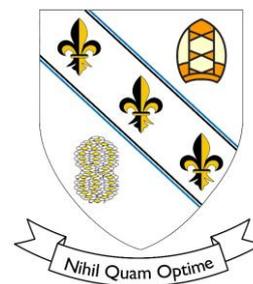


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Dear Year 11 Pupil

I hope that you and your family are well in these most challenging of times. Following my last letter to you, I write with an update following a letter that has been published today from the Secretary of State for Education to the Chief Regulator at Ofqual. The full letter can be read here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951797/Letter from Gavin Williamson to Simon Lebus.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951797/Letter_from_Gavin_Williamson_to_Simon_Lebus.pdf)

The Secretary of State writes that it is the Government's preference that a form of examination (or external task) takes place for Year 11 pupils this summer. Therefore, at this stage, we must work under the assumption that you will be sitting at least some examinations at the end of Year 11. The letter suggests that these exams will form part of the evidence base that schools will apply to recommend final grades in GCSE subjects. It is therefore vital that you continue to engage fully with your teachers and complete the work that they are setting.

At this point in time, proposals are still being consulted upon, and we will continue to keep you updated as the picture becomes clearer. In the meantime, I hope this news will make you feel confident that the College has set you on the right path through the remainder of Year 11. I further hope that it will cement your determination to continue the hard work that you have already put in – hard work always pays off.

Please continue to keep in touch with your teachers, complete the work set and look out for messages and updates from the College.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Payne
Deputy Executive Headteacher

cc. Year 11 Parents and Carers