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Dear Parent/Carer

## **GCSE exams and Pre-Public Exams update**

Please be advised that the Government has indicated that we are still expected to sit external exams this coming summer.

In response to a consultation ran by the exam's regulator Ofqual in summer 2021, students will benefit from a range of adaptations to GCSE exams in England. These changes were confirmed by exam boards yesterday. They have removed a number of barriers students faced as a consequence of the pandemic and lost learning. Broadly, they include:

- A choice of topics or content on which students will be assessed in GCSE English literature, history and geography.
- Providing information in advance on the focus of exams to support students' revision in subjects where there is not a choice of topics.
- Giving students formulae sheets in GCSE maths and revised equation sheets in GCSE physics.
- Changing requirements for practical science work and practical art and design assessments.
- Reduce grade boundaries so that the proportion of students getting any given grade is not as hard as it was in 2019.

Please note we are still intending to hold our spring Pre-Public exams (PPE) in order to help students prepare. The timetable for which can be found here: <https://www.henry-cort.hants.sch.uk/examrevisioninfo>.

Teachers will provide specific guidance to students about this preparing for their final exams, once the PPEs have finished. Mr Fearon and I will also consolidate all this information for parents soon.

We intend to host an information evening towards the end of this term to provide further help, and give parents and opportunity to talk through with Heads of Faculties. Details to be sent later in March.

Yours sincerely

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