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Principal - Mr T Beesley

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Contingency Arrangements for GCSEs and A levels in 2022

I am writing with information about contingency arrangements for exams this Summer. The government is clear that students entering GCSEs, AS or A levels in 2022 should expect to take exams as planned, but if they cannot go ahead due to further Covid disruption, grades will instead be determined by teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) approach. The DfE have published their decisions about this approach, following a public consultation, which included students. The full details of their proposal, and their reasoning for this decision, are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/contingency-arrangements-gcse-as-a-level-project-and-aea/outcome/decisions-on-contingency-arrangements-2022-gcse-as-a-level-project-and-aea>

Ofqual's Chief Regulator has also written a letter to students, concerning these contingency plans, which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

Due to these updates, we are writing to inform you that any assessment(s) carried out in College could, therefore, be used as evidence to determine TAGs (Teacher Assessed Grades) if they are needed in Summer 2022. This will include the January mock examinations for Year 11 and the March mock examinations for Year 13. Year 13 students have also been informed that they will be sitting an assessment for each of their subjects in the week commencing 24th January. These will be in-class assessments, lasting no more than one hour, and arrangements will be made for any student who requires extra time or additional support. If there is a need to schedule any further in-class assessments, for either Year 11 or 13, we will notify you in advance.

If you have any questions about the exams in the Summer, or the Government's contingency plans, do please contact either Ms G Roberts (Assistant Principal Curriculum & Assessment) at g.roberts@allhallows.org.uk or Mr D Howells (Head of Sixth Form) at d.howells@allhallows.org.uk.

Your sincerely

Tim Beesley
Principal



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