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Dear Parent/Carer

On 11th November, Ofqual, the examinations regulator, produced guidance on how schools should proceed from now to ensure we are ready should an exam cancellation be necessary. The guidance makes it clear that all students taking GCSEs and A levels in 2022 should expect that these will continue as planned. We sincerely hope this is the case but will need to take steps to ensure we have a suitable evidence base to produce teacher assessed grades should we be required.

The full guidance is available online [here](#) but we felt it would be useful to write to provide a summary detailing how Guilsborough will be required to respond to this.

- Students will need to complete at least **3 lots** of assessments, the total length of which should not exceed the total length of the examination the students would normally sit.
- Students entitled to access arrangements should have these when completing the assessments
- Students should not know the questions beforehand
- Students should not have access to books or revision notes
- Schools should ensure they retain keep physical copies of papers

For Guilsborough, we already have scheduled assessments for year 11 and year 13 during the Spring and Summer term. Details relating to these assessments will be circulated to students and parents in the weeks preceding.

As there is a possibility these assessments could ultimately be used to inform grading decisions, it is important to remember that grades given in individual assessments cannot be assumed to be the grades students would be awarded should the examinations be cancelled. The primary reason for this is that guidance on how this process would be conducted would not be published until February, in addition to this, it is incredibly difficult to teachers to create grade boundaries this year given there has been no national standardisation since 2019.

We will of course continue to update students and parents as information is published and will always continue to ensure disruption to students is kept to an absolute minimum.

We appreciate your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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