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Dear Parents of Year 11

It is with great pleasure that we have been able to welcome back Year 11 into their final year of education with us. We appreciate the last few months have been an extremely unsettling time and it would appear that this is not likely to change for a while yet. We are sure you that you were aware of changes to last year's GCSE examinations and may have questions as to the impact on your children this year. We have brought together what we currently know in this letter. Below is an outline of all the subjects we offer in Year 11 and any changes that may affect your child.

Subject	Changes
English Language	No changes at this time
English Literature	Reduction of 4 elements down to 3. This means students will not be assessed on poetry this year.
Maths	Some prior information on content of exams
Science	Students have already completed GCSE Chemistry, so will now concentrate on GCSE Physics and Biology. Some prior information on content of exams
French & Spanish	Some prior information on content of exams
Art/Photography/Textile	100% coursework, there will be no exam
Business Studies	Some prior information on content of exams
BTEC PA (Dance)	No changes at this time
BTEC Sport	No changes at this time
Computer Science	No changes at this time
History	Students to complete only 3 out of the 4 units. Students will not, therefore, be examined on Power and the People.
Hospitality and Catering	No changes at this time

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Geography	The only change is that students do not need to carry out practical fieldwork. This will be unseen data supplied in the exam.
Cambridge Nationals iMedia (IT)	No changes at this time
Religious Studies	Some prior information on content of exams
Sociology	Some prior information on content of exams
Travel & Toursim	Exam to be completed in January.

As we become aware of any other changes, we will communicate this home.

November will be a busy time for Year 11 as students will be carrying out their mock exams. These will take place between Monday 8th November and Thursday 18th November. A copy of the confirmed timetable will be posted on the website and social media outlets shortly, with students receiving a personalised exam timetable before half term. Students will then have a mock exam results day on Friday 10th December, where they will receive all their results and have time with their tutor to discuss their next steps.

After half term we will be completing out first data collection and shortly after you will receive this information home via the SIMS Parent App or email. You will receive two bits of information; whether your child is below, making or above their expected progress and secondly you will also receive predicted grades for all subjects to assist with post 16 college applications.

Lastly, on Thursday 4th November we will be hosting a Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening. The event will be between 5.30pm – 6.30pm. There will be a short presentation from myself and Miss Grassie about the next few months ahead and then there will be an opportunity to meet Curriculum Leaders to seek subject specific advice about revision.

We appreciate this can be an anxious time for students and parents alike but we will keep you informed to the best of our abilities and always strive to support Year 11 in obtaining the best possible outcomes in their GCSEs. If you do have any questions, please contact the school and we will ensure that the most appropriate person responds to your enquiry.

Yours faithfully

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