Dear Parent or Carer

I am writing to inform you that due to circumstances beyond our control we have changed the date of the Year 12 examinations from the week commencing June 19th to the period July 4th – July 7th.

These examinations provide the school with an opportunity to assess each student on a whole year of A-Level work. The results are therefore extremely important as they provide us with very accurate information regarding attainment and progress and provide a clear indication of the grades that will be achieved at the end of the course in 2018. Further, the grades achieved in these examinations will be used to inform Predicated Grades for university applications. I cannot emphasise enough how important these results therefore are as mediocre or poor grades will severely limit your son or daughter’s options of university or employment.

Students have very few opportunities to experience full examination conditions similar to the ‘real thing’ so it is imperative that they take these examination seriously and take full advantage of them by thoroughly and rigorously revising and preparing. You should be seeing your son or daughter spending several hours each evening and at weekends studying – if you are not then they are unlikely to be working hard enough and may well be heading for disappointing results.

Because of the importance of the grades achieved in the Term 6 examinations and the effect they will have on university applications we do allow some students who have not demonstrated their potential to take re-sits during September after school. Please note, however, that this is a final opportunity for students to demonstrate to universities that they are worthy of consideration and should be considered a last resort. Any student finding themselves in this position would be well advised to spend a large part of the summer holidays revising.

Hopefully, your son or daughter will be one of our many students who has been working hard all year and as a result achieving well. Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to reporting your son/daughter’s grades to you in September.

Yours faithfully

Mr Anderson (Head of Sixth Form)