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Dear Parent/Carer

Government announcement regarding timings of GCSE examinations 2021

On 12 October, the Education Secretary announced that GCSEs will be held three weeks later than previously planned to help address the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The announcement states, 'the summer exam series will start on **7 June** and end on **2 July** for almost all AS/A levels and GCSEs.' However, it also states that 'one Maths and one English GCSE exam will be held just before the May half-term, giving any Year 11 pupils who are affected by Covid-19 the best possible chance of still sitting a paper in each of these core subjects.'

The government has vowed to work closely with school leaders, exam boards, unions and the higher education sector to develop these arrangements and has promised to publish the details later in the Autumn.

The statement from the Education Secretary can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/students-to-be-given-more-time-to-prepare-for-2021-exams>

Clearly it is important that Year 11 students prepare well for these exams and take each lesson, revision opportunity and assessment seriously between now and the summer. We are sure you will want to celebrate the end of the GCSEs and Year 11 with your children, but it is also crucial that **no summer holidays should be booked before 2 July 2021.**

As soon as we have more details, we will let you know.

Yours sincerely

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