



Some welcome news about the summer exams

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen on the news today that the government have given us all more certainty about the summer 2021 exam series. I welcome this both as a Headteacher and as a dad of a child sitting GCSEs in the summer.

The key points to note are:

- Students will benefit from a few more weeks of learning, with most papers being sat between 7th June and 2nd July.
- The main exception to this being GCSE students will sit one Maths paper and one English paper before half term; so that if any student misses exams because of COVID-19 they will have a benchmark from which to base a grade on.
- There will be no further changes to exams or assessment at subject level. This means that teachers and students now know exactly what can be covered in the papers.
- Results days will be Tuesday 24 August for A/AS levels and Friday 27 August for GCSEs so students will start the following academic year as normal.
- Contingency plans will be put in place and more details surrounding this will come out before Christmas.

Most importantly this gives our children the opportunity to sit their exams and gain the results they have earned and deserve.

We know that Hazeley students overall responded very well to lock down and have returned to school with pace and purpose. Thank you for the part you played in this.

We also know that we have excellent plans in place to work with our students to ensure that they have the best possible opportunities to gain grades which are a positive reflection of their abilities.

You can expect more detailed updates from Mrs Mayles for KS5 and Miss Whiteman for KS4 in the next few weeks. The updates will include how those young people that had a more challenging time in lockdown will be quickly offered more additional support to regain any lost ground as well as when we will have key assessments.

For now please enjoy this increased certainty and keep working with your child/ren and their teachers to help them prepare as well as possible for this opportunity to show off what they have learnt; not expecting to be perfect, but aiming to be the best possible versions of themselves.

Kind regards,
Mr Nelson