

BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

BEAMINSTER
DORSET DT8 3EP

Tel: 01308 862633
Fax: 01308 863909
Absences: 01308 861917

Email: office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk



HEADTEACHER
MR K HALES NPQH

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER
MR D WITHERS NPQH

Website: www.beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

5th January 2021

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

Examinations Update

We are very aware that the government's announcement regarding a **review of the public examinations this summer** will be quite disheartening and unsettling for many of our Year 11 students. They have responded magnificently to the challenge of their GCSEs, made huge efforts to catch-up with their learning after the last lockdown and have put themselves in a strong position to progress onto post-16 education and training.

Therefore, **students must not be distracted** whilst we await guidance on the alternative arrangements, or be discouraged from continuing with the essential work set by their teachers. Whatever arrangements are put in place we know that there will be significant weight put upon the expected grades that schools provide.

The government will expect schools to provide significant evidence for any submitted grades, taking into account all information from across the GCSE course. As one of the few schools to have accomplished a full Autumn term of teaching, learning and assessment, as well as a complete set of trial examinations in early December, we are well placed to meet this challenge. Additionally, we have a second set of trial examinations scheduled for March that we may be required to undertake.

At this difficult time for Year 11 please **ensure that your child attends all their online lessons and completes all the tasks set**. We need to be able to demonstrate a continued engagement with learning and have firm evidence that the good work completed is being maintained.

As ever, **should you need any support**, or if we can help in any way, please contact your child's **Tutor in the first instance**, or Mrs Walton should you require further advice.

Finally, the **Media Studies examination** will be going ahead on Monday and we will contact these students regarding further support with their revision.

Mr Hales

Important Note: This ParentMail and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. Disclosing, copying or distributing the contents is strictly prohibited without prior permission from the school. If you have received this email in error, please notify office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk