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Dear Year 11 and Year 13 students,

Cancellation of Summer 2021 Public Examination Series

As you will be aware the Government have now decided that GCSE and A level examinations will not take place this summer in the normal way. In the coming days we will get further details of what will replace them. It seems reasonable to expect that students will receive grades based on a similar system to Summer 2020. This involved teacher's assessing performance using class and homework, coursework, school-based assessments including mock exam results alongside other evidence but may still involve an externally examined or assessed element.

I am aware of how disheartening this news may well be to you all, however, I would like you consider these three points:

- **Your hard work and efforts will be still be recognised.** None of the effort you have made so far and will continue to show in the coming months will be wasted. The system this year will make sure that your effort is fully reflected in your final grade
- **Your eventual results will be indistinguishable from real exams.** In the long run, it will not matter that your grades came via this system. You will still be able to progress on to sixth form, higher education, university or apprenticeships in the normal way. The value of your qualifications is not being altered, only the way they are administered. None of your ambitions for the future will be affected by this decision
- **The new system will be fair and balanced.** Grades will be awarded based on objective evidence. Any grades that your teachers set will be moderated carefully, to ensure they are consistent within and between schools. If any student were to be disappointed with their eventual grade, we expect there to be a mechanism to appeal and take a follow-up exam in the autumn, just as there was last time



I know it is asking a lot of you all, on top of everything you have been through already, but you must take these points on board and keep going! All of us at MKA are here for you and will continue to guide and support you through the remainder of this year.

For now, you need to engage with all your online learning lessons, keep working hard and know that every piece of work you complete will still make a difference.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your tutor using the email format below. Alternatively, you can contact your Head of Year on:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Seddon', written in a cursive style.

Fiona Seddon
Principal