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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter of earlier today, we have **just** received some important clarification from the exam board. What they have told us is:

*"You can apply for special consideration for those students who cannot attend the exam due to having covid/having to self isolate/having to shield. **Special consideration cannot be applied if students chose not to sit the exam.** (I have confirmed this with our special requirements team).*

If students do not sit the exams this session, they should sit them at the next available opportunity – most likely Summer 2021. *If that is not possible, we will put in place arrangements to ensure no learner is disadvantaged – it is not yet finalized what process this will be whether it will be the same CAG process as last year or something different, but we will email centres again once we have further information on this."*

(Please note that the emphasis is mine, not theirs!)

What this means is that they are currently working on the basis that students will have to sit the exam at some point (unless unwell or shielding clinically vulnerable family members).

We are aware that the situation may yet change again, but our advice as a school is now for students to sit the exam if at all possible, as you have nothing to lose (you will have a chance to re-sit if it doesn't go as well as you would like) - and you could save yourself stress and hassle in the summer.

Again, any questions, please do get in touch with me!

In kindness,

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