

Dear Student,

Re: January external exams

I hope you are all well and are staying safe. It has been a very difficult time for you over the last few days. The unknown of whether your exam will be taking place must have created a great deal of anxiety for you.

I have talked to your teachers who are keen for you to have the opportunity to sit your exam. I also want this to happen and I am confident that we can do this in a safe way. I know many of you are concerned that the exams will not take place but there are also others that are concerned that they will.

I am fully aware that you may not feel prepared for your exam. This may be for several reasons and it is important that you feel mentally and physically prepared to sit your exam. I would like you to discuss this with your parents and if you wish, your teachers, and come to a decision of whether you wish to sit your exam. You will need to confirm by email to Mrs Man, Examinations Manager using the following email address: smen@ccs.northants.sch.uk if you will be attending by **Friday 8th January at 1:30pm** so that we can prepare for this.

It is a very difficult situation. We are unable to tell you how different exam boards will be asking teachers to identify a teacher assessed grade. What the government have said is that a **'form of teacher-assessed grades will be used, with training to ensure grades are awarded "fairly and consistently"'**.

Mrs Westwood would like to point out the following:

Year 11 Finance students *resitting Unit 2 - we have until 9th July 2021 for any resits of the multiple-choice exams to be completed with LIBF, so the exam may be moved to a later point in the year to be completed prior to this July deadline if you would still like the opportunity to re-sit this exam but would prefer not to sit in January.*

Year 12 and 13 Finance students - *the LIBF have explained that there will be an extraordinary July sitting of Unit 1 and Unit 3 this year (using the same case study as the January written exams) so there could be the possibility of sitting this exam in July if you do not sit the January exam (this is also the case for students who are unable to sit the January exam due to self-isolating). At present, the March 2021 sitting of Unit 1 and 3 would also be available so you would still have the opportunity to sit your Unit 1 or Unit 3 exam twice, if you would like to (either sit in January with a resit opportunity in March or, sit in March initially with a resit opportunity in July (if you have been unable to sit the exam in January)).*

It would not be possible for me to advise you on what you should do. Only you really will know how prepared you are for the exam. If you do want to sit the exam and are ready to do

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it then let us know and we will make sure the sports hall is set up so that you can be socially distanced.

I look forward to seeing you back in school when we can reopen.

G. Wakefield

Mr G Wakefield
Vice Principal