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Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to those of you who attended our online presentation regarding Year 11 exams and revision strategies. I hope it was informative for you and that the slides that were sent out subsequently were also helpful.

As you may have seen in the news, the government recently announced the results of the consultation on exam arrangements for Summer 2021. The link to the full document can be found [here](#) but for a short summary please see below:

- English Literature, History and Geography will all have slightly reduced content. In English Literature students will no longer have to revise or study the poetry anthology, whilst in History students will no longer have to study British America and in Geography the section of the exam on fieldwork has been removed.
- All other subjects will pre-release topics that are being assessed in the exams by 7th February 2022. This will allow students to focus their own revision on certain key areas rather than the whole course content. Obviously, as soon as we know the full details for each subject we will share this with parents and students and our teaching in school will then focus on these key areas.

The aim of these changes is to mitigate for the amount of time that students have lost due to the Covid pandemic. Alongside this there is a national contingency plan in place in case of further lockdowns, which would mean using a similar system to the Teacher Assessed Grades we implemented last summer. This means that the two sets of PPE exams are even more important than usual as they may once again be used to assess students in the summer.

With this in mind, we have already begun our intervention process and you will find a copy of the weekly timetable attached to this letter. These sessions are open to all students studying these subjects and take place either at lunchtime, break time or after school. In addition, we have also attached a copy of the revision topics for the first set of PPE exams which start in November. This will allow you and your child to know what specific papers are being sat and then focus revision on the specific topics that are going to be covered in these papers.

Last week you will have also received an invitation to make appointments for our Year 11 parent consultation evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an online evening conducted through SchoolCloud – the link to book your appointments is in the email sent out to parents. In addition, we are asking all parents to complete a short survey about LeAF Studio which will help us look at ways

we can improve what we offer in school. Please click on the link below to complete the survey and give us your opinions – the closing date for this is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qZHA4UUN\\_0aI340mL1jsAGvIhBXTgKZFpcdi\\_v5DeqBNUNVJBMFpGQIFRNEtENFIZNTZPVzgxUDFaUi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qZHA4UUN_0aI340mL1jsAGvIhBXTgKZFpcdi_v5DeqBNUNVJBMFpGQIFRNEtENFIZNTZPVzgxUDFaUi4u)

Finally, thank you to those parents who enquired about private tutoring in the Core subjects. We are just looking into the viability of this and we will let those parents who have contacted us know if and when we have been able to source suitable tuition. If you are interested in discounted private tutoring but have not yet expressed your interest, please contact Mr Clark at [tim.clark@leafstudio.co.uk](mailto:tim.clark@leafstudio.co.uk)

In the meantime, if you have any questions about specific subjects please contact the subject teacher in the first instance. If you have any queries about the exams overall, please contact Mr Clark at the above address.

Yours sincerely



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