



Dear Student and Parent/Carer

January 2021

## Year 11 Cambridge Nationals - Enterprise and Marketing External Exam

I am writing to update you with information regarding the upcoming **Enterprise and Marketing external exam** next week. The examination date is scheduled for Wednesday 13 January 2021 at 9.00am. This exam is one of three units that would be completed over the two years of the Cambridge National course. At the end of Year 11, all three units would be added up to give an overall grade.

The Department for Education has stated that the decision of whether to proceed with the examination in January, at a time when the summer GCSEs and A-level examinations have been cancelled, is down to the school. The Government has also said that no-one will be disadvantaged if they can't take their exam, or decide they don't want to; but that because students have worked hard for these assessments, it is fair that schools are given the option to run them if the school judges it to be the right decision.

Having re-assessed our protocols and risk assessments, we are able to offer your child the chance to take the exam next week **if they so wish**; in particular because:

- we have protocols in place to make the exams as safe as possible
- this is a very small cohort of students
- we can offer students the opportunity to take in-school lateral flow tests the day before, should you and they consent - these are entirely voluntary
- our students have worked hard and are well-prepared for the exam, and many of them want to demonstrate what they have learned and be credited for this

We do however need to know whether your child will be attending the exam, and whether they and you would like them to be tested for Covid in school, through the self-administration of a swab, in advance of the examination early next week. Final arrangements will be communicated to you on Monday following receipt of your response - please confirm using [this link](#).

If your child does not take the assessment next week, the exam board has told us that there may be an opportunity to take the assessment at a future date; but if this is not possible due to arrangements still to be announced for this summer, they will work with the DfE and Ofqual to make sure students are treated fairly.

If you have any questions about the exam please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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