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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to make you aware that our students will no longer be sitting any AS examinations at the end of Year 12. Only a small number of subjects ran external AS exams in 2018 and this mirrors a pattern nationally. We have therefore taken the decision to make all of our A-Level courses two-year linear programmes with external exams at the end of Year 13.

The main benefits of this decision are an increase in time given over to course delivery and focus over the full two years on the skills required at A Level which, in most subjects, are different than those required for the AS Level courses.

As well as routine assessment and feedback in lessons, Year 12 will have internal examinations in June/July 2019 modelled on the external exams, in order to track progress and intervene where necessary.

BTEC and Cambridge qualifications still have external assessments spaced throughout the year as required by the exam boards, and this will stay the same as it has previously.

If you have any questions about this decision please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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**Ms L Petch**  
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