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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Summer 2022 Examinations update

We are writing to you with an update about the contingency arrangements that are being put in place if examinations cannot take place in May and June 2022.

The Department for Education and Ofqual [have decided as a matter of policy](#) that although the government is firmly committed to exams going ahead in summer 2022, there needs to be a contingency plan in place for the unlikely event that exams have to be cancelled again because of the pandemic. If exams have to be cancelled in summer 2022, students' grades will be determined by their teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) approach similar to that used in summer 2021. TAGs would be based on teachers' assessment of their students' work. Detailed information on how TAGs would be determined in summer 2022 will only be published if exams are cancelled.

We strongly encourage you to read the letter to students published by Ofqual using the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

There has also been a contingency date of the 29 June set by the awarding bodies. Students should remain available until this date should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on cadams@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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