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Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to the Examination System affecting Holiday Requests

I am writing to inform you about an important change nationally to the examination system for students in Years 10 and 11.

Many of you will be familiar with the old system where students completed coursework in their own time and had many opportunities to redraft their work. However, this has been changed. Coursework has been replaced with Controlled Assessments, which involves research /preparation at home and more formal assessments which have to be undertaken in School.

Controlled Assessments will take place frequently throughout the year and there will **not** be an opportunity to resit them if students miss the assessment/s because they have gone on holiday. This could ultimately affect the overall GCSE grade/s your child can achieve.

As a result of this new national change and to ensure that all students have the best opportunity to achieve the highest grade/s possible, the School will no longer authorise any holiday leave for Year 10 and 11 students.

Finally whilst this decision may not affect you now, it is important to consider this when planning future holidays.

Please note that Holiday requests should be submitted at least two weeks in advance, on the appropriate Absence Request Form, via Student Services.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Miss H. Jenkins
Headteacher

