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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to give you advance notice of a change to one of our planned INSET days. I apologise for this change, but I do feel it is necessary to support our Year 11 and 13 students in particular. I have decided to move the INSET day from 21st March 2022 to 11th February 2022. This is the only INSET day that is affected this year.

All students have suffered significant disruption to their learning due to COVID over the last 18 months and I know that some Year 11 and 13 are concerned about missed learning and possible impact on their exams. To assist them with this, Ofqual have announced that they will provide schools with guidance on what will be examined in the summer 2022 no later than 7 February 2022. This will allow all schools to focus their revision schedules in accordance with the information received from Ofqual. We will, of course, continue to teach and cover the full curriculum.

The INSET day on 11 February will be allocated entirely to staff in departments to plan their teaching schedules in the lead up to the examinations, based on the confirmed information we receive. It is never my preference to make changes to INSET days in-year, but I am sure you can see the merit in doing this to support our students who will take external exams in the summer.

I will provide further information to parents / cares of Year 11 and 13 in relation to contingency arrangements in the unlikely event that exams are cancelled again this year. We all hope that exams will go ahead as normal, but we must also prepare for the eventuality that they may not and I will communicate separately to parents / carers on this in the coming days. The following letter from Ofqual will also be emailed to all Year 11 and 13 students and I attach the link here for your information. I encourage all parents of Year 11 and 13 to read this through with your son / daughter: [Letter to students - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/letter-to-students)

With best wishes

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