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Dear Parent/Carer,

There have been recent changes to the procedures that all schools must follow to determine appropriate exam access arrangements for students in GCSE exams. Access arrangements are assessed on an individual basis and can include adjustments such as extra time or the use of a laptop computer in examinations.

We must submit evidence to the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) for each student who we believe should receive exam access arrangements. To support this process, we are trialling the use of extra time for all students in Years 9, 10 and 11 in their English language assessments this autumn. We will use the evidence collected to support further testing for individual students and, where appropriate, a request to the JCQ for extra time in GCSE examinations.

If your child is eligible for access arrangements, I will contact you at a later date, normally when your child is in Year 10 or 11, to confirm the specific access arrangements that are in place for your child.

If you have any questions relating to examination access arrangements, or the wider support that we offer your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Pearson  
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