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Dear Parents / Carers,

### Y11 Spring Term Examinations

Further to my letter in November 2021, informing you of the following:

- If exams are cancelled, Ofqual plans to use Teacher Assessed Grades [TAGs], similar to Summer 2021.
- The collection of evidence will, however, be done in a different way. Schools are asked to plan assessment opportunities at recommended intervals during the academic year:
  - Second half of the Autumn term 2021
  - Spring term 2022
  - First half of the summer term 2022
- At the planned assessment points, pupils will be assessed on a wide range of content, similar to that which they will expect in their summer exams, and across the assessment objectives for the qualification.
- Teachers must retain the assessments as evidence of pupils' attainment

I am writing you inform you that the Spring term examinations will take place in the final two weeks of this half term in normal lesson time. The dates for the exam weeks are 28<sup>th</sup> March- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022. A reminder that the advance information documents for each subject can be found on the school website: <https://www.stdamians.co.uk/exams>

#### Implications for Y11 pupils:

- It is essential that pupils revise and prepare well at home for the Spring examinations
- Pupils should be doing 2-3 hours work each evening. This should include the use of 'active' revision techniques and the completion of past paper questions.
- Pupils must ensure that they attend school and complete all Spring examinations
- Non attendance means there is no evidence to produce a teacher assessed grade
- If a pupil has Covid symptoms, they must not come into school.
- Parents must contact school immediately and provide school with evidence of the positive result. Alternative arrangements will then be made

#### 'Believe to Achieve'

Careful preparation and a positive attitude are the key ingredients for success. We wish all our Y11 pupils 'Good Luck' in the forthcoming Spring examinations. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school in the usual manner.

Yours sincerely,

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