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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the government made an announcement about GCSE re-sits in Maths and English. I would like to reassure you that the announcement referred only to how schools' performance data is measured, and does not impact on the achievements of individual students.

The government will now measure school performance based on each students' first examination entry, rather than on any re-sits taken.

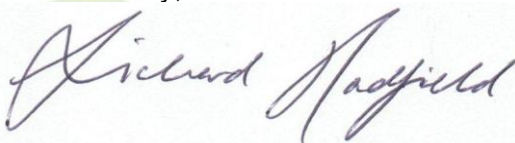
In the past, our Academy has occasionally used multiple re-sits during Years 10 and 11. However, we think that this change of direction by the government will suit the vast majority of our students; it will give them as much time as possible to make the progress they need before their final examinations.

This also means that the final examinations at the end of Year 11 are now even more important.

This curriculum will now ensure that teachers focus teaching and revision throughout the year on the topics that student most need to improve on. It also allows the Maths and English Subject Leaders to make informed decisions about which tier of entry is most appropriate for your son or daughter.

We will be entering a very small number of students for GCSE Maths and English in November, where we think it is in their best interests. You will be contacted by the Subject Leader if this is the case. If you would like any further clarification, please contact your child's English or Maths teacher. You can also contact Student Services by emailing student.services@nusa.org.uk or by ringing the main switchboard on 0115 929 1492 and selecting **Option 2**.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Hadfield
Acting Principal

