



Corby Business Academy

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Dear Parents

I write to you concerning our plans for GCSE entry in mathematics and English for Year 11 students.

As you know, for some years we have given some students the opportunity to take their GCSE in these subjects during the summer of Year 10 and November of Year 11. The reason for this has been that, in cases where students have done less well than we hoped, there has been a further opportunity to take the examination in June of Year 11.

Last week, with no prior warning, and with immediate effect, the government announced that only the first attempt at a GCSE would count in the grades publicly reported for the school, and for the purposes of Ofsted. It is unfortunate that this new measure has been introduced in this manner when students are in mid-course, and only a matter of weeks from examinations. I am however pleased to be able to inform you that this decision does not affect those students that sat examinations at the end of Year 10 last academic year.

We still firmly believe there can be circumstances in which it is the right thing to do to give a child two or more chances to take and pass an important examination and get a qualification which is vital for their future.

Nevertheless, given the importance of GCSE results not only to students taking them but to the school, we feel we have no alternative but to re-examine our plans for November. However, I wish to reassure you that at Corby Business Academy we will continue to act in the best interests of our students by carefully considering the most appropriate time for each student to be entered. In addition, and as you would expect, we also have robust plans in place to ensure every student benefits from rigorous practice examinations and preparations as we lead up to the Summer GCSE series.

Please rest assured that, whatever decisions are made in Westminster, we will continue to do everything we can to help your child secure the best possible grades in all his or her GCSEs.

Yours sincerely

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