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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form has taken the decision, along with the majority of post-16 providers nationally, to no longer enter our students for AS examinations at the end of Year 12. This will bring a number of benefits to our students, the most significant of which is the addition of approximately four extra weeks of teaching time, which will enable us to cover the course material more thoroughly.

We do, however, still require a means of accurately tracking our students' progress and their likelihood of success at the end of their courses in Year 13. It is for this reason that all Year 12 students will sit two hour examinations in each of their subjects across two days: Monday 30 April and Tuesday 1 May. Students will sit these examinations under the same conditions as they will in their final external examinations at the end of Year 13. Students who fail any of these examinations will be given a re-sit opportunity at the beginning of July.

Should any student demonstrate lack of suitability for continuation into Year 13 at this re-sit attempt the Sixth Form team will counsel the student towards alternative subject options within the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form. This will enable every student a chance of success in their Sixth Form programme of study.

For students following Applied and Vocational courses, including BTECs and CTECs, the system remains unchanged. Students are expected to successfully complete all Year 12 units before being able to progress onto their Year 13 courses.

Yours faithfully

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