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Message from Steve Brady, Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: **Examination Reforms**

In 2013 the then Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, set out the government's vision for reforming GCSE, AS and A level qualifications. He called for GCSEs to be more challenging so pupils are better prepared for further academic or vocational study, or for employment. He said that the primary function of A levels should be to prepare students for university education.

The first 'reformed qualifications' started this September with others to be introduced in 2016 and 2017.

Ofqual (Office for Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) have produced a series of 'postcards' to help explain some of the key information for parents and students that they need to be aware of in this time of change.

All the 'postcards' are available for viewing on;

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/465873 /your_qualification_our_regulation.pdf



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