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From Robert Halfon MP, Chair

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Dear Catherine,

Thank you for your letter of 16 June regarding the petition calling on the Government to reduce curriculum content for Year 10 and 12 students facing exams in 2021.

The Education Committee discussed this at its meeting on 24 June. We are currently focusing all our work on the impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services. As part of this, we have already taken oral and written evidence on the impact of COVID-19 on exams.

The Committee currently has a full programme and we do not envisage a session specifically on this before the summer recess. However, we are intending on holding an accountability hearing with the Secretary of State or the Minister for School Standards in the near future. The Committee agreed that it would raise the issue of reduced curriculum content for these year groups at the next accountability hearing.

If the Committee does decide to hold a specific evidence session on this, I would be happy to invite a member of the Petitions Committee to attend and represent the views of petitioners directly.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Halfon MP
Chair of the Education Committee