

10th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter aims to keep you up-to-date with what is currently happening in school and provide you with the arrangements for our Y11 students' final weeks with us.

You will remember school wrote to you in January and again in March to inform you of the guidance we have been given around centre assessed grades, as GCSE exams will not take place again this year. This clearly sets out the processes we need to follow to ensure the accurate and robust collection of Y11 assessment evidence. Please find attached to this letter our centre policy for determining teacher assessed grades, which has been produced in line with advice from JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). We hope this helps us to be as transparent and open as possible about what we are doing to arrive at a fair and consistent grade for all our students so that all involved can be confident in the professional judgements we have reached.

Teachers and departments are now well underway with creation of evidence portfolios for each student in each subject. Each portfolio comprises a wide range of evidence which will be moderated by a range of professionals.

The collection of evidence for students' portfolios will continue until the end of this half term. Teachers and senior leaders will then review all the evidence, complete any final moderation processes and submit the final centre assessment grades to the exam boards. In order that we have the time to do this comprehensively, the last day of term for Year 11 students will be Friday, 28th May. This date has widely been agreed by secondary schools throughout the county. Please encourage your child to work hard right up to this date, as all evidence collected will influence the final CAG.

While teachers are having conversations with individual students about their performance levels, teachers are NOT able to share any specific grade information until results day. The final grade awarded by the centre will be a holistic grade based on all the evidence collected. We hope students will continue to work hard until 28th May; in addition, we are putting in place a considerable amount of CIAG support to make sure students are making the right choices in applying for next steps courses.

Further information will follow about the logistics of results day, which will be on 12th August.

If you have any questions about any of the above or require any additional support with the next steps your child might take, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards



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