

26th February 2021

Year 11 & Year 13 Examination Update

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. You will be aware that an announcement was made yesterday about this summer's exam grading. I understand that many of you will be feeling anxious, I hope this letter gives you a bit more certainty and reassurance.

The Government haven't yet made all of the detail of their plans available to us on how we administer the system, but from a student's perspective we now have a bit more confirmed to us.

We now know:

- There will be no externally set GCSE exams. This was announced earlier this year.
- The grades will be based on teachers' assessment of the standards that students are working at.
- We will use a range of evidence to inform our assessments. Final grades will NOT be based on a single mock result or on one in class assignment.
- We will run an internal moderation / standardisation process to ensure that the grades we submit are fair.
- We will submit grades to the Exam Boards by June 18th 2021. Students and parents / carers can't be told at this stage what the grades are. The Exam Boards will choose a sample of schools and look at the evidence and procedures they have used to ensure that grades have been awarded fairly.
- Exam results will be shared with students on:
 - Tuesday 10th August – Sixth Form
 - Thursday 12th August – Year 11
- There will be an appeals system for any student who believes that their grade is not fairly awarded.
- We will continue to update you as to your child's progress during the remainder of the school year.

By Easter, the Exam Boards will be providing schools with some additional instructions as to how this process will work; we continue to have some unanswered questions.

We don't yet know the leaving date for Year 11 and Year 13 students.

There will be more details to follow over the coming weeks, but a lot of this will relate to internal school procedures and protocols. We are acutely aware of the stress and anxiety that our students face this year more than any other. The key message that we will continue to give to our young people is to encourage them to keep working hard and to follow the advice and guidance of their teachers. Please be reassured that the results that our children receive will be a fair reflection of their performance across the year.

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Please contact us via the main office if you require any further support. I will write again when more information is available.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Proctor
Principal