

1 March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Preparation of Grades for Year 11 Examinations – Summer 2021

As you are probably aware, schools will be submitting grades for individual Year 11 students for every qualification they would have taken in Summer 2021.

The grades awarded must be based on a robust foundation of evidence. This gathering of evidence will draw not only on information already within our systems, but also on assessments that can be completed once students return on 8 March. Teachers will be working with students to ensure that there is a range of evidence to enable a portfolio of prior assessment grades to be collated for every student, in addition to the assessment grades already recorded.

Evidence will be drawn from:-

- Mock and internal examination data
- Internal assessments
- Completion of externally set coursework and assessments
- Homework completion
- Work completed in lessons
- Examination Board produced assessments/tests
- Departmental records of student performance

It is essential that we collate all relevant information that will include both evidence from across KS4 and following students' return to school, from March onwards. All evidence will have been shared with students and staff will continue to do so as we progress through the remainder of this final assessment period.

Please also note the change of examination Results Day – these will now be released on Thursday 12 August 2021 (two weeks earlier than normal). More details about Results Day will be given in due course.

All subject areas will continue to work with Year 11 students to complete a series of further assessments, including completion of practical components, to enhance the evidence collected. There will also be further opportunities to work with staff in After School Sessions, during Easter School Sessions within the Easter holiday, as well as during normal lesson time. Further details with respect to Easter School will be given to Year 11 students soon.



It is essential that all students complete the required activities, as well as completing set assignments, for the fulfilment of vocational course criteria. Individual staff and Heads of Department can give further information and guidance to students if required.

Please encourage your child to take part in the additional sessions, prepare for the individual assessments and seek support from staff if needed. Staff are happy to support and guide your child to achieve the best possible grade. By working together as student, parent and staff I am sure we can support our Year 11 students to gain the best possible outcome in the summer.

Yours sincerely



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