



Tuesday, 2nd March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer and Year 11 pupils,

Year 11 GCSE Centre assessed grades

We have now received the outcome of the GCSE consultation and guidance from Ofqual regarding the plan for awarding GCSE grades this summer. Full details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/how-qualifications-will-be-awarded-in-2021>

In summary:

- Teachers will assess pupils using guidance from the exam boards. Grades will be submitted to the exam boards by 18th June.
- Schools will use a full range of evidence to support the awarding grades which will be moderated within the Trust to ensure these are awarded fairly.
- Schools may choose to use mini assessments provided by exam boards to help gather this evidence.
- This bank of evidence will be shared with pupils.
- Exam boards will then sample the process looking at the evidence collected and procedures put in place to ensure grades have been awarded fairly.
- Grades will not be fixed or altered by an algorithm. Any changes to grades, up or down will be made with human input and review.
- Results day for GCSE student will be the 12th August 2021.
- A full appeals process will be available and pupils will have an opportunity to sit the GCSE exams in the November series should they wish.

This [infographic](#) from Ofqual also helps to make clear the awarding process.

We appreciate that this will be a stressful time for year 11 pupils and we will endeavour to communicate with you and reassure you throughout this process. Further information regarding this process and how this work in different subjects will be shared with pupils and parents as we receive more explicit guidance from the exam boards.

In the meantime, it is important that pupils continue to work hard towards their GCSE grades in all subjects whether this is remotely or in school. Pupils should take every opportunity to demonstrate the level they are capable of working at to support teachers' ongoing assessments and use feedback to continually progress.

We very much look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school next Monday, 8th March.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Redford
Head teacher