

Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE Summer Exam Series 2021 – Update

As you will be aware the government has announced that Y11 pupils will not sit their GCSE Exams in the summer. Instead, a system for teacher assessed grades will be implemented. As yet, they have not formulated the exact details for these.

This means that the method of assessment for the qualifications that your son is working towards has now changed.

Whilst we have early notification of no exams, there may be changes/further announcements by the government, so our priority is to ensure that Year 11 continue to work hard and make progress towards securing the grades they deserve in their qualifications.

We expect all Year 11 pupils to be continuing with their remote learning, but now with a greater renewed focus of having to evidence their progress and standard of work in order for us to be able to accurately assess their progress since the mock examinations and to support our teacher assessments. This will come from their submission of online learning, completion of exam questions, timed tasks/assessments/papers.

Following the Mocks in December, all pupils received their reports which communicated their exam grades and a predicted grade. This predicted grade is based on the expectation that that pupils would continue to work hard during the Spring and Summer term to address the gaps in knowledge to secure the predicted grade. This must now continue via the remote learning provision.

In the event that your son isn't completing their work to the standard expected, you will be contacted by their class teacher to discuss their progress.

Please communicate these expectations to your son and ensure that he is submitting his work on time. A progress report will be sent home before the Easter holidays with updated grade information. This report will also be used for Post 16 references so it is essential that pupils are making progress and demonstrating a continued commitment to securing their qualifications.

In addition, we wanted to reassure you that the Careers provision and support for Post 16 applications will continue.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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