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Dear Students and Parents

I write in regard to the OfQual Consultation Outcomes and the Awarding of Teacher Assessed Grades for Years 11 and 13 this summer.

The teachers are actively planning the best way to assess each student. This will be based on the content you have covered during the course of study, and on the exam board's specification for the subject. Grades will be a holistic, professional, and a reasonable exercise of academic judgement on the standard you are performing at. Two teachers will sign off your grades, usually your teacher and the Head of Department.

Teachers will use a broad range of specification content, including the sorts of questions you would normally undertake in preparation for your exam, such as past papers, practice papers, groups of questions, sample papers, school generated questions or those to be produced by the exam boards. They also have a significant amount of assessment data and evidence gathered during your course of study.

The school needs to submit Teacher Assessed Grades to the exam boards by Friday 18th June, which is only two weeks after the Whitsun half term. There will need to be a period of assessment, moderation and administration before 18th June.

The school is compiling an assessment schedule, similar to how exams are normally run, for those departments that wish to undertake formal assessments. These will take place in classrooms, the library and sports hall to aid with social distancing. Full access arrangements will be in place for those students who qualify. It must be noted that these assessments will inform the Teacher Assessed Grades, not define them. Teachers will use a broad range of evidence when deciding on Teacher Assessed Grades.

It would be practicable for lessons to finish for Years 11 and 13 in early May, followed by a period of study leave. The assessment period will overlap the last week or so of lessons in early May, with some assessments taking place in lessons, and will then continue into study leave. There is little national guidance on this finish date and so I will confirm with everyone exact dates after Easter.

The main message remains that you should continue to apply yourself to your studies.

Yours faithfully

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