

5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 11 Teacher Assessed Grades

Year 11 are now approaching their final phase of assessment in relation to their teacher assessments and I wanted to take a moment to highlight a few points in relation to this.

You will be aware that all Year 11 students finished a series of formal assessments across all subjects after Easter. These assessments form a part of the final grade to be awarded to students at the end of the course. Over the coming weeks all students will continue to undergo a series of formal assessments in class to provide further evidence of their current attainment.

A number of pieces of evidence, from across the course of study, including the recent formal assessments can be used to form a holistic grade that will make up each student's final awarded grade in each subject. **Students have been made aware of exactly which pieces of work and assessments will be used as evidence for their final grades.** 

Additional information on the awarding of GCSE grades in 2021 has been published by JCQ and is available here:

https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/JCQ-Guidance-on-the-Determination-of-Grades-for-A-AS-Levels-and-GCSEs-Summer-2021.pdf

## Year 11 Shirt Signing

On Friday 28th May, all Year 11 students will be able to mark the end of their formal assessments with a celebration on this day. We will be holding a short leavers celebration outside and as a result, Year 11 will finish earlier than usual. It is anticipated that students will leave site at 12.30pm. All Year 11 Leavers will be presented with a leavers hoodie (no payment will be required for this) A Google form will be circulated to students soon to choose their sizes.

Due to the arrangements for awarding GCSE grades this year - some students may be required to attend school after the May half term to ensure that all available evidence has been secured for their final GCSE grade submission. During this time, there will also be additional support provided to assist with students plans for September 2021. This may be on Google Classroom or other web based resources.

## Year 11 Leaving Date

Year 11 will remain available for school, either remotely or face to face, until Friday 25th June 2021, whilst not always on site after half term.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Norris Headteacher