

1st March 2021

Dear Year 11 and 13 Parents

You will be aware that the Department for Education published the outcomes of their consultation on how this summer's qualifications will be awarded last Thursday. I know many of us responded to the consultation including our students; there were over 100,000 responses. We do welcome the way forward and would like to share the key headlines with you:

- Students will be awarded a teacher assessed grade (TAG) for all their GCSE, A level and Btec qualifications.
- Students will only be assessed on the content of the specification they have been taught and will be assessed at the standard they are performing at now.
- Schools will use a broad range of evidence to inform the TAGs. This may include any evidence from the start of the course, along with future assessments and evidence collected up until the final deadline of 18th June, when the grades have to be submitted to the exam boards.
- Schools will inform the students what assessments and evidence is being used to inform the TAGs in advance of the grades being submitted to the exam boards.
- Students will not be told the actual TAGs that are submitted to the exam board.
- This year's results will be released earlier:
 - o **A level and Level 3 Btecs – 10th August 2021**
 - o **GCSE and level 2 Btecs – 12th August 2021**
- It will be possible for students to appeal the results by asking the school to make an appeal on their behalf and provide the evidence used to inform the grade.
- The full report can be found [here](#).

The last year has been an extremely challenging time for us all and we are especially conscious of our year 11 and 13 students who have had the vast proportion of their courses affected by the pandemic. We are very pleased that, we the school, can identify for each qualification, what content to assess and what evidence will be used. This will enable us to take our own school context, and the disruption that our students endured, into consideration.

This Friday's training day, which was already in the school calendar, will allow time for teachers to respond to the DfE's announcement and identify the school's approach to secure the best grades for our students this summer. We will then be able to share a more detailed plan for each qualification with you, confirming what evidence will be used to inform the TAG.

We are looking forward to welcoming our year 11 and 13 students back into the classroom next Tuesday for face to face teaching. In the meantime please do get in touch with Mrs Kaur or Mr Wust as Head of year 11 and 6th form respectively or myself with any questions regarding how this summer's qualifications will be awarded.

Yours sincerely

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