

8th January 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

Re: Year 11 GCSE Update and Parents Information Evening.

I hope that this letter finds you, your family and friends well.

We are writing to you today with an update on the current situation for this year's GCSEs.

On Monday evening, the Prime Minister announced changes to the way that GCSE's will be awarded this academic year. On Wednesday afternoon, the Secretary of State for Education confirmed that all formal GCSE examinations are to be cancelled and replaced with a robust model of teacher assessment.

Ofqual, the examinations regulator, are currently working with the Government to decide on the details of the teacher assessment and we look forward to receiving this important information which we will then share with students and families.

Whilst we welcome the news regarding teacher assessment, we also recognise that these changes may cause great anxiety and frustration amongst our Year 11 students. We ask that your child works closely with their personal staff coach during the school closure period and if you feel that any additional support is required, please do get in contact with the school.

In addition to the information above, we are pleased to invite you to a Google Meet on Tuesday the 12th of January at 4pm. The meeting will update you on any further developments and hopefully we will be able to answer any questions you may have. An invite will be shared with you on Monday via Parent-mail and we are hoping you are able to attend this important meeting.

Further to this, please expect your child's classroom teachers to be in contact in the week beginning the 18th of January to inform you of the progress they are making and the next steps required for your child to continue to improve their GCSE grade.

In the meantime, it is important for your child to keep attending all of their live lessons and complete all their work set via Google Classroom.

Finally, if you have any questions about GCSEs or our Year 11 remote learning provision, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Very best wishes



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