

Our ref: Sims/DFO

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

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COMMITTED TO QUALITY, CARE AND SUCCESS

HEADTEACHER: MR C WOOLLARD

### Year 11 Grading 2021

Further to my previous communication about the awarding of grades for year 11 students this summer, the government have issues additional guidance recently and as such I can now provide you with an update.

- We will complete some assessments in May to help teachers in their awarding of grades.
- The May assessments will give students another opportunity to be successful and help them to consolidate their learning.
- The assessments will not be the length or breadth of the usual GCSE papers due to the disruption that the pandemic has caused. We feel it is important to balance the need for objective assessment with students' well-being.
- Access arrangements will be in place for students where required.
- Once May assessments have taken place, teachers will make a recommendation for a grade for each student considering all their achievements over the course, so any previous successes will inform the grade. Students will be provided with information on which work is being used to generate their grade in each subject.
- To make sure that grades are accurately and fairly rewarded, they will be moderated by both staff internally, and for GCSE by staff external to the school before they are submitted to the exam boards.
- Some students have already sat examinations in BTEC and BTEC verifiers are still conducting visits to centres, as such there is a level of external moderation built into this process.
- Exam boards will then review the grades submitted and conduct their own moderation as required.
- At the end of this process the grades will be released to students in August.

We must now work hard to ensure that every student achieves the grade they deserve. It is vitally important that students attend school to prepare for, and complete, work set by their teachers. More so than in any other year students' grades are not reliant on one exam, so they have more opportunities than usual to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skills.

It would remiss of me not to make it clear that under no circumstances are staff permitted to speak to or release information about grades to students or family members. **\*A copy of the letter Joint Council for Qualification (JCQ) information will be sent via email.**

Yours Sincerely

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