

19th March 2021

Teacher Assessed Grades - Summer 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would firstly like to thank you for supporting your child whilst they have been learning remotely through lockdown.

I am writing to you today to explain what we are doing as an academy in response to the governments decision to award GCSE grades based on teacher assessed grades.

As an academy we have put together a timeline of revision and assessments for year 11 students which will give students the ability to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in their subjects. We will be referring to these assessments as Exam Conditions Assessments (**ECA**). These assessments will provide evidence to support the awarding of teacher assessed grades this summer. Once all of the data has been acquired from assessments, we have in place a quality assurance process to ensure the teacher assessed grades are awarded fairly.

Dates for ECA windows

Exam Conditions Assessment	Date
ECA1	Week commencing 29th March
ECA2	Week commencing 10th May
ECA3	Week commencing 24th May

As you can see from the timeline, the next 12 weeks in school will be a crucial time for students to demonstrate their understanding to their teachers through the ECA series and in class assessments/coursework. To support this, we will be continuing to provide after school enrichment for our year 11 students, as well as Easter holiday enrichment sessions. Your child

has been provided with an updated copy of their enrichment timetable and the Easter holiday sessions today. Over the next 12 weeks we ask for your support in encouraging attendance at enrichment, to ensure that your child attends school at all times and follows the academy behaviour policy. This will ensure minimal disruption to their own and others learning.

All of the information I have provided you with today has been delivered to year 11 students in an assembly so they are fully aware of the expectations over the coming months. We know this is a stressful time for our year 11 students and we want to put in place as much support as possible to ensure they can demonstrate their ability and achieve their full potential. If there is anything further we can do to support your child please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Wheeler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs J Wheeler

Associate Assistant Principal (Key Stage 4)