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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11

As you might be aware from the media. The outcomes of the Ofqual consultations were made public at the end of last week. As a school we are looking at this in great detail and will let you know more details in the next few weeks.

If you would like more information, please read the following blog which summarises the key points: https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/25/what-you-need-to-know-about-grades-in-2021/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Mock examinations will still be going ahead as planned starting **Friday 19th March**. This will give students the opportunity to see all teachers prior to their mocks commencing. It is important that students inform teachers if they have struggled with any of the work covered during lockdown, so they can revisit this content before the exams. The results from these mock examinations will be **one element** in the evidence that teachers use to decide student grades in the summer, so it is important that they prepare thoroughly. It is vital however, that students understand that this will **not be the only** source of evidence used and a range of other sources of evidence will also contribute towards their final grade e.g., November mock exam results, work submitted during lockdown, exam board devised assessments, coursework will also be used.

Year 10

All year 10 students will undertake a mock English Literature exam on **Friday 26th March and Monday 29th March at 9.00am on both days**. This will be completed in the exam hall.

Year 9

Year 9 assessment week will take place week commencing **15th March**. These assessments will take place in classrooms. Results will be shared via their Spring Report.

Reading Tests

All students in Year 7 – 10 will undertake a reading age assessment during the week commencing **22nd March**. This is to monitor the impact of remote learning on your daughter's reading.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Please ensure that you are checking the expiry dates on Free School Meals' vouchers which have been emailed to you via Edened; we are unable to help if vouchers have expired.

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If you have had a change in circumstances and think that you may now be eligible for Free School Meals, please complete the form on the school website [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://cloudforedu.org.uk) as soon as possible. If we have confirmation of FSM-eligibility before 3pm on Wednesday, we will be able to order a voucher for this week before provision reverts to in-school from Monday 8th March. If eligibility is confirmed on Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th March, we will be able to offer a packed lunch from school; this is due to the timings of the national scheme being operated by the DFE and Edenred.

If your daughter receives FSM and will not be in school Monday and/or Tuesday lunchtime as a result of the staggered wider re-opening times, and you would like to collect a packed lunch for her, please email school on enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk with your daughter's name by 12pm on Friday 5th March.

Laptop Provision

Thank you to parents who have contacted school to let us know that there has been a change in personal circumstances and a laptop borrowed from the school is no longer required; this has meant that we have been able to offer that device to other pupils. Please continue to update us if a borrowed laptop from school is not needed anymore so that we can make arrangements with you for its return.

Thank you again for your continued support throughout this half term as we work together as a community to achieve the best for our students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Cooney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Mrs K Cooney
Deputy Headteacher