

Year 11 GCSE grading

The DfE guidance for how year 11 will be assessed has been released, and it looks really positive.

- Teachers will be giving the students a variety of assessments from now until the end of May to determine their GCSE grades.
- Teachers will assess their performance in their subjects **only on the content that has been delivered to them.**
- Teachers will use a range of evidence from throughout the course (year 9 - 11) to inform their judgement.
- The assessments and grades will be carefully moderated by the senior leadership team.
- Coursework tasks (NEAs) will still need to be completed for those subjects that have them.
- You will be given a detailed plan on what assessments the students will have and what content they need to revise - **please be patient while teachers create and share these plans.**

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The good news is:

- There is no need to cram the learning of new material to make up for lost time. We can focus on consolidation, confidence building, preparation, and accurate assessment.
- There is no need to have long mock exams, which means less lesson time lost and more flexibility for shorter, more focussed assessments.
- It is not too late for the students to demonstrate what they can do. Everything still counts; students can still improve their grades.

Important things to remember:

- Students should work hard on every task - all types of assessments will be used to help make the grading decision.
- They should listen to their teachers' advice about what and how to revise.
- They will not be told ANY grades by their teachers between now and August, when they get their final grade. They will, however, be told how to improve from one assessment to the next.
- If they start to feel stressed, anxious or upset, please encourage them to talk to a member of LIS staff - we want to make sure that they feel happy and safe at all times.