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Dear Parent/Carer

### **TEACHER ASSESSED GRADES (TAGs) 2021**

As you will be aware from our Headteacher's weekly briefing messages and announcements from the government, GCSE examinations are cancelled in summer 2021 and pupils will now be awarded grades via Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). In order to support teachers in the generation of a TAG, each subject has developed a series of assessments to help evidence their professional judgement of the grade that a pupil would have been awarded if the examinations had gone ahead in their usual format. These assessments will take many different formats and have been devised to ensure that no pupil will be disadvantaged.

In lessons, your child will be prepared for these assessments and they will be fully aware of the times at which they will take place. As supportive parents I know that you would like to assist in preparing your child for these assessments, so we have generated a dedicated page on our website under the parents' & pupils' section – Exam Information, with the following information:

- A video introduction to the generation of TAGs.
- Individual subject videos that talk parents through the process of generating a TAG.
- A live Year 11 assessment calendar that will be updated to indicate when exams are scheduled. This will be regularly updated to reflect any changes that may occur due to reasons out of our control.
- A copy of the JCQ guidance for students, parents and guardians: GCSEs in England (Summer 2021)

We will continue to update this dedicated page if, and when, we receive additional guidance or any systems in school change, so please ensure you use it as the first port of call regarding any GCSE TAG queries.

The 2021 GCSE results day is Thursday 12 August 2021, we will provide more information about this day closer to the time.

Yours sincerely

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