



12 November 2021

Dear parent/carer,

As we are halfway through the first series of Mock exams, we would like to acknowledge the excellent way Year 11 have approached and are executing the exams. Attendance has been excellent as has been their behaviour and attitude. Please pass this on to your child.

Yesterday, 11 November, the government released its plans for the awarding of GCSE grades should the GCSE examinations be cancelled again this year.

It can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/contingency-plans-confirmed-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels>. It seems right and appropriate to highlight this to you at this time. Please take the time to read it.

The document emphasises that it expects GCSE examinations to take place like in previous years before the pandemic and grades awarded accordingly. Although we all hope this will happen, this contingency is now in place. It signposts that in the event of exams being cancelled, teachers will collect evidence of pupil performance through the year and devise TAGs (Teacher Assessed Grades) subject to guidance yet to be released. We will be working on how this is implemented in school in due course and when further information becomes available.

Next week we hope to finalise the arrangements for Work experience week and we will share information then.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Hargreaves.
Assistant Headteacher

