

5 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we look forward to welcoming our Year 11 pupils back to school next week, I would like to update you with the new date for Parents' Evening – **Thursday 18 March 2021**.

This will be a parents' evening with a difference due to the unique circumstances we find ourselves in this year.

In normal times, Year 11 Parents' Evening would occur in January and be an occasion to review the mock examination results from December and for teachers to highlight the areas that need more work in order for pupils to be ready for the trial exams in early March.

However, this parents' evening will be a chance for teachers to explain how holistic judgements will be made about each pupil's performance in their subject taken from a range of evidence relating to each qualification's course content. As each subject has very different specifications, the range and type of evidence gathered will differ considerably, so this will be the focus of the evening.

In line with Ofqual guidance, we will take into consideration work that has already been completed in the run up to the mock examinations, the mock examinations, work done during the lockdown this term and new evidence that will be generated in the next 3 months. The emphasis of the parents' evening will be to discuss what needs to be done to ensure that the final pieces of work that your son or daughter produces best reflect his or her abilities. Final grades have yet to be decided and we must all work together to ensure that our young people make the most progress possible in the months ahead.

Quality assurance of the exam grades submitted will take place internally and externally and evidence that we produce will be sampled by exam boards to ensure that we have the correct standard at each grade. Last year we were in a similar position with regards determining pupil grades, therefore we have some experience of the regulatory procedures expected of us.

We have been advised that there must be no discussion between teachers and parents regarding the final grades being awarded. School grades will be quality assured by the exam boards and final results will only be confirmed on results' day. Please respect this by not asking any teacher to give you a final grade decision. The only data that can be discussed during the evening is historical, such as results from the mock examination.

We are really looking forward to discussing the way ahead with you on the 18 March 2021. With your continued support and encouragement, I am sure that our young people will fulfil their potential.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



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