

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Dear Students and Parents / Carers

Re: Examinations 2020

In an effort to keep you up to date with the latest government directives and information concerning the assessment of qualifications this summer, we have summarised the press release from Friday 20th March below.

Firstly, let me extend our sincere hopes that at this time your families are managing to stay healthy and well. Since the Government announced the decision to cancel summer 2020 examination series, we as a school have been waiting on guidance as to how Year 11 will be awarded their qualifications. At this point I wanted to share with you what the current position is.

The key message is that pupils will not sit an exam this summer, but instead will be awarded their results on the basis of mock examinations, classwork and teacher assessment. Natalie Berryman-Brown (Head of English - nberrymanbrown@victorypark.org.uk) and Simon Quigley (Head of Mathematics - squigley@victorypark.org.uk) are contactable via email for any support that is required.

Once grades are in and checked, the plan (as publicised at the moment) is that pupils will know their grades by the end of July, which is much earlier than the published date of 20th August! Some pupils may feel that the grade awarded to them does not reflect the progress they may have gone on to make. In the event of this happening, the Government have said they will offer an opportunity to sit the exam either during Autumn 2020 or during Summer 2021. As a result of this, it is very important that Year 11 pupils hold on to any notes or revision materials they may need to support them with this.

Be reassured that teachers have spent two, (and in some cases, five!) years developing knowledge of pupils' skills, abilities and potential, and want the best for them. We will do our utmost to ensure our Year 11 are awarded the grades they deserve.

As a school, our main responsibility for Year 11 is to prepare pupils for the journey ahead, be that education, apprenticeships or employment. To support them with this, we will continue to set pupils activities and to share relevant resources via our website.

Should you have any questions that you think we may be able to support with, please do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher via email, maspel@victorypark.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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