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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11

Year 11 Examination Series – Summer 2021

I write to you to share what we know about how GCSE grades will be awarded in summer 2021. Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, confirmed that there will shortly be a consultation about how grades will be allocated to students. It has been established that this will be through teacher assessment rather than an algorithm.

We will be in a position to share with you your child's mock grade in the near future but these results should be treated with caution, as it will only reflect the grade they achieved in December. It does not take into account any other assessments yet or work undertaken during this period. Therefore, the December mock grade could go up or down.

Mr Williamson has stated, 'he would like to explore the possibility of providing externally set tasks or papers, in order that teachers can draw on this resource to support their assessments of students.' This means that there still could be external assessments that will be required to help us assess your child's abilities further. As I mentioned previously, this is part of the consultation, however, as per my previous correspondence on this matter, it is critical your child stays engaged with our remote learning provision, completes the work we set and continues to revise and study in preparation for their return to school.

Once we have shared mock results, we will look to hold a parents' evening / day online where you can speak to individual teachers. A date for this has yet to be confirmed, as we want to ensure we have as much information as possible to share with you. It is likely this will take place in late February or early March following the outcome of the consultation.

Should you have any questions or comments on this matter, please contact Mrs H Evans (Progress Leader) in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr I Critchley
Principal

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