

Dear Y11, 12, 13 Parents & Carers

7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Parents' Evenings

We are continuing with our Parents' Evenings starting with Y11 this evening; however, please be aware that staff cannot discuss what will happen with grades as we do not have sufficient information. They will focus on what students need to do to keep learning and making progress – this is the information that will have the most positive impact on their final grades alongside the work they have done over the previous years.

### Cancellation of 2021 summer exams

Following the confirmation by the Education Secretary on Wednesday afternoon that exams for A Level and GCSE will not go ahead this summer, we write to provide an update on next steps for students in these year groups.

At this moment, it is clear that schools will be asked to contribute assessment information to assist in the awarding of grades this year but we do not yet know how. We know that the government has indicated that pass rates will be in line with 2020's higher levels, which will hopefully help to ensure that all students will be well placed to secure their next steps in education, employment or training. We will, of course, support our students in application processes wherever possible as a follow up to the support we provided in the first term of this year.

What government has not yet made clear is the decision regarding vocational courses, such as BTECs, and how they will be assessed and grades awarded. We will provide details on this to you as soon as they are available. In the meantime, students who have forthcoming assessments this month should still come into school for their exams and the exam preparation days as per the schedule we sent out earlier in the week.

While we await the details from the government of the system for calculating grades, which government states will follow a swift period of consultation with the education sector, it is crucial that students in examination year groups continue with the remote learning offer. This programme of learning is designed to help students catch up on missed content from earlier in their courses and to provide them with key knowledge in all subjects that will equip them fully for their next steps.

Whether your son's or daughter's next step is further academic study, a vocational course, apprenticeship or other employment route, there is no doubt that the interruption to schooling will have led to gaps in knowledge and understanding. The current remote learning offer addresses this. Over time, we will adapt the provision wherever possible so that it supports the transition into post-16 routes and post-18 next steps.

As ever, your support is hugely appreciated. The daily routine that the remote learning provision gives for students will benefit them, just as will their ongoing study of the specific subjects. Please

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continue to discuss and monitor your son's or daughter's progress with the learning offer – it is an investment in their future success.

Obviously, as more information becomes available in the coming days, we will provide you with further details.

With kind regards



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