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Children's  
Support  
Service

15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers/Students (Year 11)

The Department for Education (DfE) and Ofqual have published the guidance on awarding grades in summer 2021.

- National exams will be replaced by grades determined and awarded by teachers (there will be no algorithm used).
- **When determining the grade, teachers should reflect the standard at which the student is performing now, not their potential.**
- Teachers can use a range of evidence to determine these grades. This might include mock test results, coursework, classwork, controlled assessments, and other work such as in-class tests or timed essays.
- **Exam boards will also be supplying optional question papers which can be used as evidence (these will be taken in-class). Schools are waiting to receive final details on these.**
- Grades need to be submitted by 18th June 2021 to the exam boards.
- **Results day will be earlier than usual, on 12th August 2021.**
- We will be ensuring that the grades determined and awarded are fair and based on the evidence available.

After the Easter holidays, we will continue to collect a range of evidence to enable the grading process to be completed.

We will also be operating 2 Controlled Assessment weeks:

**Week of 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Week of 10<sup>th</sup> May**

The deadline for completion of these assessments will be before the May half-term, and we anticipate offering 'study leave' to Year 11 from 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021, in order to allow for internal moderation processes to take place before submission to the DfE by the 18th June.

**It is clear, the time your child spends in school, and the engagement in their learning, is now more important than ever.** They have time to continue coverage of the curriculum, gain vital feedback from their teachers and work on any assessments – all of which will contribute to their final grades. **Any support you can offer with this, and with attendance, will be greatly appreciated.**

**Any questions, or concerns, can be fully discussed at the planned review meetings after Easter.**

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