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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you and your families are keeping well at this time. We are very pleased to have welcomed the students back to school.

It has been confirmed that both Year 11 and Year 13 students will not be taking examinations this academic year and will instead be awarded centre assessed grades. Following Ofqual's announcement on the 25th February we have been reviewing the guidance to ensure that students are given the opportunity to demonstrate their ability in their examination subjects.

We wish to reassure parents, carers and students that we will be using a range of evidence to ensure that the grade awarded reflects students' understanding, skills and ability. We will ensure that no student is disadvantaged by the process.

To provide students with further opportunities to demonstrate their abilities, we have planned two assessment periods in the summer term as follows.

Week commencing 19 April 2021 – classroom assessment

Week commencing 10 May until 21 May – invigilated formal assessments

Assessments will be on topics and content that have already been taught in school and students will be directed with revision and preparation. The assessments will reflect national standards for each qualification.

Students will be provided with a revision booklet, which will guide their revision and preparation. Lesson time will also be focused on consolidating understanding and revising skills in order to ensure all students are well placed to demonstrate their best understanding.

We will be issuing detailed assessment schedules with revision material in the week commencing Monday 29th March.

What evidence will be used to award grades?

We will use a broad range of evidence including:

- Autumn 1 Base-line/PPE assessment
- Autumn 2 Mock
- Full or partially completed coursework including NEA
- In-class assessment (summer)
- Invigilated assessment (summer)



Our quality assurance measures will ensure that the process is fair. Every year our teachers decide and set final grades for coursework, NEA, practical work and in subjects such as BTEC, the majority of the grade is set by teachers. All schools are annually checked on the accuracy and fairness of this type of assessment. We have a wealth of assessment expertise in school and many of our teachers are examiners and moderators for examination boards. Please be assured that this process is being applied on a wider scale this year.

We are in addition, implementing the following quality assurance processes including: moderation and standardisation of papers and marking both internally and with our partner MAC school Bishop Ullathorne as well as removing student names from assessments and anonymising them.

We fully appreciate what a difficult time it has been for Year 11 and 13 students and their families. Please be assured that the school will be working to ensure that students and parents are regularly updated regarding the awarding process and that students will not be disadvantaged by this process.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher



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Chair of the Local Governing Body