

10 May 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, thank you for supporting our pupils in this important year, particularly through the recent assessments. Following the completion of the April series of assessment I would like to give you an update on the current situation concerning awarding grades this summer:

- That pupils will be graded by teacher judgement, although this will involve a school and Trust quality assurance process, to ensure fairness and eliminate any potential bias.
- GCSE results can be based on evidence until our pupils' school leaving date, so they should continue to work hard.
- It is important to note that we will share with pupils the evidence we are basing their grade on (where possible) but the actual grades themselves are strictly confidential.
- We will publish, on the school website, a full overview of the evidence used in all GCSE subjects no later than **Friday 28 May**.
- Exam results day will be **Thursday 12 August** and we will ensure that pupils are fully supported, whatever the circumstances. This will include an appeals helpline.
- We are awaiting a final update from the Department of Education regarding an appeals process. We will update you on this procedure when we receive further details and publish on our website.
- The full school policy on awarding centre assessed grades can now be found on the school website at our 'Year 11 Teacher Assessed Grades information hub' <https://hgsc.co.uk/news-and-events/news/2021-04-19/year-11-teacher-assessed-grades-information-hub>.

Please be assured that we are working hard to ensure that the grades our pupils receive are a fair reflection of their ability and hard work and that any appeals process fully reflects government guidance.

We will continue to keep you informed as and when we receive any further information from the government. In the meantime, if you do have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Mr Wright
Assistant Headteacher