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Dear Families,

We would like to update you on the process we have implemented to support teacher assessed grades for summer 2021. Students will receive grades that are awarded by their teachers with students only assessed on what they have been taught. Our curriculum has been adapted to ensure that we are consolidating previously taught material and not teaching new content. We will draw on a range of evidence to determine the grades which will include some of the following:

- Non-Examination Assessments (NEA), often referred to as coursework, even if this has not been fully completed.
- In-class work and home work that has formed part of the course they are learning. This could include some work that they have covered during remote learning.
- Internal assessments including knowledge checks and examination style questions.
- In-class mini tests, quizzes and end of unit tests.
- Essays and substantial work that has taken place as part of the course they are learning.
- Records of student's capabilities in performance-based subjects such as music, drama and PE.
- Controlled assessments during one assessment point on the calendar.

Continuous and Controlled Assessments

We will use a combination of continuous and controlled assessments running up to grade submission on the 18th June. All students have received a subject calendar of what will be covered in class and whether there will be any further in-class assessments to be used alongside those they have already completed.

Finals w/b: 17th May 2021

Finals will take place over a two-week period where students will have controlled conditions assessments on the content that they have covered within their course. Students will be set examination style questions on a paper of no more than 90 minutes per subject for Year 11 and 2 X 90 minutes for Year 13. The finals will form part of the overall judgement along with continuous assessments and will be standardised by other teachers.

The finals will be sat in classrooms within lesson time where possible and under controlled conditions. Students will have topic lists for all subjects released prior to Easter to support them with focused revision. Practical subjects may set performance-based assessments rather than written papers during finals fortnight. On Friday we received further guidance from the JCQ: Joint

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Council for Qualifications, and we will offer you a further update in regard to this information in the coming weeks.

We will be offering Easter revision sessions via TEAMS during the holiday which will be sent to you via a text link to our website in the coming weeks.

Kind regards

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Headteacher