



Tuesday 5th January 2021

Year 11 Parents Evening Adjustments

Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the recent announcement made in the Prime Minister's address on Monday 4th January 2021, Kingshurst Academy will need to adjust the process of Y11 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 13th January 2021.

We are very aware that students who were due to take examinations in the summer will now be very anxious and we are concerned about this. Although the Prime Minister confirmed last night that the summer examinations will now not take place, we do not know any the details about what will happen instead. We will of course update you as soon as we do have any clarity. We are sure that our parents and students have many questions regarding the potential changes to exams in the summer of 2021, and this is something that we will keep updating you on over the coming weeks and months as more information becomes available from OFQUAL and the Department for Education.

Parents' Evening for our Y11 students will be adjusted and will now be completed as an online event, with information and videos to watch with your child to help to reassure you about the coming weeks. The link to this online event will be sent to you via text message on Wednesday 13th January.

Whilst we continue to wait for further updates on the appropriate information to share with our school community, it is vital that Y11 students continue to engage with remote learning, online revision packages and continue to make improvements on coursework as directed by their teachers while we continue to await clarity. To ensure we are properly prepared for any eventuality, we will continue to collect evidence for individual students in individual subjects to support the case for student grades. Your support in ensuring your child is ready to demonstrate their skills when returning to school later in the term is paramount to securing positive evidence of progress.

All pupils must continue to work as hard as they can do. Based on our experience last summer, if it is decided that 'Centre Assessed Grades' will be used then teachers and the wider academy will consider a range of evidence. We will not be able to share any grades with you before they are officially released in the summer and you should not request these from teachers.

We will now delay the mock examinations; our current plan is that these will go ahead when we return to school after February half term. Until then, teachers will continue to deliver lessons and this would include assessments similar to those normally conducted in class.

Please be reassured that as an Academy and a wider Trust we have worked through the 'Centre Assessed Grades' process in 2020 and although there are likely to be updates and changes to the system this year, through collective work, we will maintain a robust and fair system.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Darren Turner
Executive Principal



