



15th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Examination Year Groups: Year 11 and Year 13

Following my last communication regarding examinations on 5th January, I wish to reassure you that we have been monitoring the situation closely. This week the Secretary of State provided an outline for a [consultation](#). In this letter, the following information has been presented:

- Teachers will be asked to assess their students
- The final judgement on a student's grade ought to be as late as possible
- A breadth of evidence should inform teachers' judgements
- It is possible that grades may be informed by externally set tasks or papers
- An algorithm will not be used to set or automatically standardise anyone's grade

We know that this information will now form part of a consultation and we expect further specific details to clarify the assessment process. In the meantime, students should continue to work as hard as they can. This is important for a range of different reasons including preparation for future assessments, maintaining a sense of routine and for future progression.

I can reassure parents that while our current plans include the delivery of trial examinations in school, it is clear that we will be required to take a range of evidence into account when making decisions about final grades. It is clear that decisions related to awarding grades should not be made before the summer term and we will ensure that all students have the best available opportunities to achieve the grades that they have worked for.

I would like to thank you for all of your positive feedback regarding live, remote lessons. Teachers will continue to deliver programmes of study in this way and we remain very grateful for your support and partnership.

Thank you for your patience. We recognise that this situation continues to cause anxiety and we will continue to communicate with you as new information becomes available.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Turner

Executive Principal