

Thursday 11 March 2021

Dear Parents and carers

We are so pleased to be able to welcome your children back into the sixth form. They have coped incredibly well with the challenges of online learning but we are looking forward to having them back in the classroom.

As you will be aware from government announcements regarding A level grades this year, teachers will be expected to award grades based on their professional judgement, drawing on whatever evidence is available. This will be in the form of class assessments, mock exams, practical work and coursework.

As part of the gathering of this evidence, over the remaining terms, Year 13 will complete a number of assessments in their subjects that have been set by their teachers. The first set of assessments begin on **Monday 22nd March** and are designed to identify where students are now, following their two months of online learning. The results of these assessments will be fed back to students in the form of targets and advice, not grades. Teachers will then identify any gaps in learning/weaknesses to address in lessons in the weeks leading up to their second week of assessments beginning on **Monday 17th May**. These second assessments will provide the students with an opportunity to show the progress they have made since March 22nd and therefore provide important evidence towards the final grade submissions by staff.

Our students have been preparing to be assessed for quite some time now and this schedule will allow them to really focus on their current strengths and weaknesses, and use their final lessons to maximise their potential. There will be no new content to learn, so students can really focus on previous learning and be as successful as possible.

Week beginning **Monday 24th May**, will be the Year 13 students' final week with us. It will be a week for completing any outstanding work, collating any extra evidence if necessary and hopefully include a Leavers' celebration event. Year 13 exam results will on Tuesday 10th August. Details about both events to follow.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your support over what has been an incredibly challenging two years.

Kind regards



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Head of Sixth Form