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Dear Parent and Carers of Year 11 students,

I hope this letter finds you well, and that students are settling back into their daily school routine and face-to-face learning. I am writing to you to provide more information about the teacher-assessed grades for students completing their GCSE, BTEC, and Cambridge National qualifications this summer. This year, Ofqual and the DfE have provided us with clear guidelines and arrangements to follow from Easter onwards, this information is detailed below and in the attached infographics.

- There will be no end of year formal exams for any qualifications set by exam boards.
- **Teachers will determine grades by looking at a range of evidence including work students have already completed and work they will complete during the rest of the year.**
- Students must continue to attend school, learn, and complete assessments from their teachers.
- Students must continue to complete their coursework and non-examined assessments (NEA).
- The grade produced will look the same as the grades awarded in any other previous year.
- The grade will be accepted in the same way as a normal exam grade by colleges, apprenticeships, and employers.
- Schools will talk to students about the evidence they have used to determine their grades.
- Schools will share these grades with the awarding bodies by the 18th of June after whole school moderation of the grades.
- Students will receive their grades on the 12th August.
- If a student feels their grade is unfair, they have a right to appeal their grade.

One thing I would like to stress is that students are still learning in school and they will still need to complete coursework and assessments in order to demonstrate their **current** skill and knowledge. Teachers will determine students' grades later in the year, and to do this they require evidence showing their previous and current attainment. It is therefore incredibly important that students continue to attend school and engage in their learning in order to give them the best opportunity to succeed in their studies.

The December mock grades represent a snapshot of students' attainment at that point in the year, we know that a large number of students have worked hard to improve their current attainment since these mock grades were shared with you. To provide students with the best opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills, and the improvements they have made since their December mocks, **students will complete a series of short exam-style assessments over the next seven school weeks.** We will share further details of this assessment window with you on Monday.

Students have had an assembly about these assessments this week and they will also receive information from their teachers in lessons. Students will be prepared for these assessments in their normal lesson time and they will have some additional online and face-to-face revision sessions offered over Easter and throughout the next half-term. These assessments will all take place in their classrooms with their own teachers, and these teachers will also mark their work.

The best thing students can do is to attend school, attend lessons, learn, act on feedback from their teachers, and prepare for their subject assessments. It is extremely important that students continue to be well prepared for these upcoming assessments as they now have an additional opportunity to prove what they learned over their GCSE years and what they are capable of.

As usual, the Summer term will be a very important time for Year 11 students. We know that they will demonstrate our school values of hard work, respect, and independence over this period and that we can rely on them to do us proud in their assessments. As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mr Christopher Leng
Deputy Headteacher

