

3 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers & Year 11 Students

**Year 11 Subject Parents' Evening Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 February /
Examination Updates**

We are writing to update you on the arrangements for the Year 11 Subject Parents' Evening, which has now been arranged for Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 February. To allow parents to optimise the appointments that can be made, staff will be split over the two nights.

We had hoped to have seen students return to site prior to this evening, however with ever-changing circumstances this has not been possible. We have therefore decided to hold a remote parents' evening to permit discussion of feedback, current progress and engagement.

This will be a video call parents evening, using our usual booking system, with the requirement of a camera, audio and microphone on the device to be used. Further instructions on how to access this will follow. Please be aware that staff will be able to discuss progress, strengths, weaknesses, revision, outstanding exam work submissions and any units from Option subjects that the relevant awarding body has determined as 'no longer required'.

Given the uncertainty surrounding examinations, and unless further details are provided between now and the parents evening date, staff will avoid speculating on any aspect of the final grading process and the final Year 11 return to site date. The final decisions following consultation on GCSE grading have not yet been determined, but Ofqual have *proposed* the following:

- students would be assessed by their teachers in a period beginning in May into early June
- teachers would submit grades to the exam boards by mid-June
- external quality assurance by the exam boards would be ongoing throughout June
- results would be issued to students once the QA process is complete, most likely in early July
- student appeals could be submitted immediately following the issue of results and would first be considered by schools and colleges

Soon after their return to site, it is highly likely that Year 11 will complete a mock examination in each subject studied. However, it is too early to give this definite date. We would like to reiterate, therefore, how important it continues to be for Year 11 students to fully engage and access the bespoke remote provision their subject teachers are providing. It will be, without doubt, a huge benefit to have fully taken advantage of the online provision on offer to support their progress when they return to site.

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Thanks for your continued support and patience throughout this challenging period.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Cox'.

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