

2nd March 2021

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing with an update on Year 11 Teacher Assessed Grades, which are replacing GCSE exams this year.

Ofqual has now released the outcome of their consultation (which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021>).

The headlines are as follows and an infographic is enclosed with this letter which you might find helpful:

- Teachers will be asked to assess their students' performance, only on the content that has been delivered to them, to determine the grade each student should receive.
- Work completed throughout the course can be considered as evidence.
- The deadline for submission of teacher assessed grades is the 18th June 2021 (*please note that we will not be able to teach and assess right up until this date as we will need time for data input and checking etc.*)
- Students should continue with their NEA (non-examined assessment) work. This doesn't need to be completed to be assessed but can, and should, be factored into grades.
- In GCSE Art the grade must be based on the students' portfolios only, whether or not they are complete.
- Exam boards are preparing a package of support, including previously unreleased questions, which schools may want to use to form part of their evidence for awarding particular grades to students.
- There will be internal and external quality assurance processes in place to ensure fairness and parity.
- Results Day for Year 11 will be 12th August this year.
- Students will have a right of appeal. They can appeal to their school if they feel there has been an administration/procedural error. They can appeal to the exam board (through their school) if they feel their result is incorrect. Schools will then be required to submit their evidence for issuing the grade they did and exam boards will review the assessed grade.

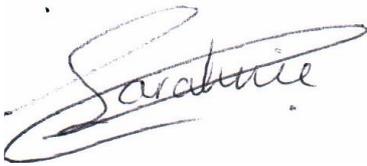
We are now in the process of working with the Russell Education Trust and Year 11 teaching staff at King's to consider what pieces of work might go into a student's 'folder of evidence' in each subject. We will, of course, ensure that we follow a robust process to put together teacher assessed grades for our students. In line with Ofqual requirements, we will publish our process in due course and will endeavour to communicate with you, and our Year 11 students, clearly throughout the coming

months. It is important to note that we do not yet know when Year 11 students' final day in school will be this year so please be cautious around booking holidays etc.

We understand that students will need some time to settle back into on-site teaching and we will not be asking the students to undertake assessed pieces of work that will count towards teacher assessed grades immediately on their return next week.

We are also very conscious of the need to provide them with continued excellent pastoral care as they negotiate this very challenging year. Please be reassured that we understand the pressures they may be feeling and will guide them sensitively through the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Price', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Mrs S Price
Headteacher