

13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents,

## **Re: Final Assessment timetable**

As mentioned in previous communications, this year's GCSE and A Levels will be assessed and awarded through Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG). The school has worked on a robust, fair and transparent process to ensure our students are awarded the grades that they deserve.

Students' Teacher Assessed Grades for 2021 will be determined using three key pillars of information:

- 1. Previous Mock examinations which were sat in controlled conditions
- 2. Teacher judgement based on summative and formative assessments, homework and attitude to work
- 3. Final Assessments held in controlled conditions

Students should see the upcoming Final Assessments as an additional opportunity to provide their teachers with further evidence to help determine their TAG. The Final Assessment will be combined with the other sources of evidence mentioned above to determine TAGs. It will not be the single determining factor used to determine students' grades.

The timetable for the Final Assessments in April/May 2021 is enclosed with this letter. Students should note down the relevant dates and times and ensure that they are properly prepared for each assessment.

To ensure fairness and integrity, usual public examination rules will apply for the Final Assessments. For the vast majority of cases, Final Assessments will take place in the Great Hall. Students must ensure that they have at least two <u>black</u> pens (one spare) for all examinations and any other necessary equipment, e.g. calculator, pencil. Under no circumstances must students take a mobile phone with them into the Assessment room. Bottles of water may be taken into the Assessment room.

Please be aware that the subjects below still have an external coursework element that must be completed. The subjects affected are listed below.

GCSE	A level
OCR Health and social care	Geography
BTEC IT	OCR Health and Social Care
OCR PE	BTEC Computing
BTEC Business	BTEC Business

Following the Final Assessment window, departments will run sessions for students to complete this work. A timetable for this will be shared with you and students in due course.



Regular extension classes will be suspended during the Final Assessment weeks. The exception to this will be when Departments hold specific Final Assessment related classes.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students all the best of luck with the assessments. I am confident that they will prepare for them thoroughly and make this a positive finish to the end of the school term.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Woods Head Teacher