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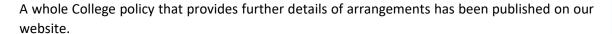
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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Arrangements for the remainder of the Summer Term

As you will know, students are busy gathering evidence at the moment to support and justify 'Teacher Assessed Grades'. Further to my previous letter, exam boards have now provided some clarity as to their requirements. They are asking, understandably, for a robust and full range of evidence that will be objectively sampled and scrutinised. A report (attached) provides teacher input as to the level of engagement currently in evidence across each subject. It is obviously vitally important that levels of effort and engagement remains high. Unfortunately, we are expressly forbidden from discussing any estimated or predicted grades by the exam boards.



An important part of this process is moderation (a comparison of one student's work with another). This process is ongoing with staff comparing anonymised scripts however, the process will be stepped up to compare student work across both classmates and also that of students from other Colleges taking the same subjects. I must stress again that all scripts will be anonymised so that there is no danger of preconceptions or unconscious bias influencing decisions. We are confident that this will ensure that the whole process is as fair as possible.

As the final date for grade submissions is **Friday 18**th **June**, staff will need time to fulfil this extensive moderation process. Therefore, evidence gathering and formal lessons will cease on **Thursday 27**th **May**. There will be no need for students to attend after this in the vast majority of cases. Further details regarding arrangements for that day will follow. Pastoral and careers support will continue for those that require it.

When moderation is taking place, **from Monday 7**th **June until Friday 18**th **June,** it is important that we are able to contact students directly in order to fill in any gaps in evidence that may have resulted from missed lessons etc. However, we expect that this will only be a small minority of students. The official legal date that compulsory education finishes for Year 11 is **Friday 25**th **June** if they have turned 16 years old by then, or at the point that they turn 16 after that.

For students in Year 11 returning to our post 16 provision there will post 16 induction commencing **Thursday 1**st **July until Friday 16**th **July.** This will comprise of registering for courses, a range of trips and activities and a general introduction into life in the sixth form.











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Results day for GCSE and other level 2 qualifications is **Thursday 12**th **August.**

Further details regarding the issuing of results will follow later this term.

I very much hope that the above clarifies arrangements for the remainder of this term for all students due to receive qualifications this summer, but as always, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to make contact.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

Simon Crawford Vice Principal













