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Year 11 Teacher Assessed Grades

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to give you further details of how grades will be awarded to students in year 11. Teachers will use a range of evidence to determine grades, which will then be reviewed by the school. The professional judgement of teachers will only be based on what students have been taught.

Teachers can assess students based on work that has already been completed, including:

- Records of performance on the content students have been taught over the entire course of a student's studies.
- Non-exam assessment, often referred to as coursework or internal assessments, even if it has not been fully completed.
- Work produced in tasks set by teachers that reflects the specification, format and marking of exam boards. This could include substantial classwork, homework, internal tests or mock exams.

Teachers may also need to gather further evidence to assess students:

- In most subjects, teachers will be also be carrying out a number of 'evidence tests' over the next seven weeks, in order to gather further evidence.
- Importantly, these tests are not formal exams, nor are they designed to play the role of exams. We do not need to assess every aspect of each subject. We need a range of evidence that shows students' performance on the aspects they have been taught.
- The majority of tests will take place within normal lesson time and students will be given advance notice of when these tests will occur.
- It is important that students endeavour to attend school every day, to maximise their chances of achieving their best possible results.

Follow this <u>link</u> to read an information sheet written by the Joint Council for Qualifications, which provides an overview of the most important information that you need to know about how grades will be awarded this summer. This includes a timeline of what is happening and when; how teachers, schools and colleges will determine grades; and when students will receive their results.

Thank you for your continued support. I will write to you again in the coming weeks with further details.

Yours sincerely,

Vickie Beeby Deputy Headteacher

