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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 11 Teacher Assessed Examination Grades

I recently wrote to you explaining that the process of students being awarded grades was out for consultation until the 29th January, we are now awaiting the outcome of this.

However, it was clear students are expected to complete their courses and teachers were to gather evidence to support the grades they award, and this evidence needs to stand up to external scrutiny.

It was also clear teachers should use the time students have left in school to demonstrate their ability. This enables a student who was unhappy with their current grade to have the opportunity to improve their work and in turn their final grade.

Departments are currently planning a range of assessments. These that will be used as part of a portfolio of evidence, enabling the teacher to award the highest grade possible. These assessments are likely to be online and delivered during lesson times. If a student is asked to sit one of these assessments it is essential they attend the lesson and complete the assessment to the best of their ability.

We are aware that remote learning is not easy and there may be reasons why a student misses a lesson due to illness or technical difficulties. However, I am aware that a minority of students are choosing not to attend lessons or complete the work set. Students who choose to do this are placing themselves at significant risk of failing to provide enough evidence to support being awarded the grade they feel they deserve.

The additional report being issued next week will help you have conversations with your son/daughter and inform you if we have concerns. The pastoral team will also be making contact with you directly if they feel your son/daughter is of significant risk of underachieving. Please be assured, that for the majority of students this is not the case, and I hope the additional report next week will give many of you peace of mind in this matter.

These are difficult times for our students' and for you as parents, we understand that many of you will be anxious. We intend to award our students the best grades possible based on the evidence we have and see our students progress onto their chosen destination.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Southwood
Deputy Headteacher

