

7th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday Gavin Williamson made a statement to Parliament in which he confirmed that they will be using “a form of teacher-assessed grades” to determine GCSE results this year. Whilst we await further details about what exactly this will entail, we must assume that much like last year we will need to accumulate a portfolio of each student’s work to evidence how we arrive at the grade we award. With this in mind, please could I reiterate again the importance of all our students actively engaging with their remote learning, but especially our Year 11 students.

As a result of learning their GCSE exams have now been cancelled, we appreciate that some of our Year 11 students may find themselves less motivated to complete their remote learning. However, it is absolutely essential that your child continues to engage with their remote learning and submits high quality responses to the work set; it is highly likely that teachers will use this to help inform their decisions when awarding final GCSE grades. Please could I ask parents/carers to speak with their son/daughter to help them understand the importance of completing all work set to the very best of their ability at this difficult time?

I will continue to update you with any further details as we receive them and very much look forward to celebrating our students’ trial exam successes with you later next week.

With warmest wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ms Britton', written over a horizontal line.

Ms Britton
Deputy Headteacher