

Dear Student, Parent and Carers,

Summer 2021 grades for GCSE and A Levels

Exam boards and the JCQ have published further information regarding the way student grades will be produced this summer in examination courses. Please find the link to the student, parent and carer guide below:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

Further to this, the Department of Education have confirmed that **Wednesday 30th June** will be the last day on roll for Year 11 students. Year 11 students will continue to attend school until this date, engaging in a variety of activities to support their transition both onsite and remotely. Year 13 students will have bespoke leaving dates based on the nature of their courses.

As per our previous communication, a variety of evidence can be taken into account when determining a student's grade, including but not limited to:

- Student work produced in response to assessment materials provided by the exam board, including groups of questions, past papers or similar materials such as practice or sample papers. The optional use of questions provided by exam boards, as well as mock exams, coursework, or other work completed as part of a student's course, such as essays or in-class tests.
- Non-exam assessment (NEA) work (often referred to as coursework), even if this has not been fully completed.
- Student work produced in centre-devised tasks that reflect the specification, that follow the same format as exam board materials and have been marked in a way that reflects exam board mark schemes. This can include substantial class or homework (including those that took place during remote learning), internal tests taken by pupils and mock exams taken over the course of study.
- Records of each student's progress and performance over the course of study

In order to support the completion of their portfolios of work for each subject, students will be completing assessments over the course of this half term and should consider any work completed from 8th March 2021 onwards as potentially forming part of their portfolio.

We will publish a calendar of key dates next week to support students, parents and carers to prepare for assessments which fall outside of a student's expected subject lesson time.