

**Re: Year 10 End of Year Exams - June 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We will be completing end of year exams with our Year 10 students starting from the week beginning the **21st June, 2021**.

This exam period is an opportunity for your child to showcase the progress that they have made since our return to school, as well as their remote learning through the periods of lockdown. We expect all of our students to try their hardest and to display a real commitment to learning. Teachers, across all subjects, will be using these exams to inform curriculum planning, task-adjustment and lesson planning to support your child at the start of their Year 11 studies in September.

It is important that we know where your child is in terms of their progress so that we know what we need to do to support them to achieve even more in Year 11. Therefore, it is important that all students try their hardest; teachers can then respond and support with appropriate intervention and resources to improve any areas for learning that needs development; this is to ensure that your child makes progress towards their end of Year 11 target grades.

We are planning to sit these exams in the traditional way (in our Old Hall with students appropriately distanced). Exams will be undertaken in exam conditions and students are expected to follow the guidance around appropriate exam conduct. You will be informed following each exam if your child does not meet this expectation. From our experience in recent years, students do take these exams seriously and behave incredibly well in order to show their progress and attainment. You will be sent a timetable of the exams so that you can support in preparing your child and tracking their revision. Also, we would appreciate you ensuring that your child is punctual and on time to school every day.

As you know in 2021, for our current Year 11 students, there are no external exams and there is some debate about what will happen for your child in 2022. However, as it stands, your child will sit external examinations, as in 2019 and prior, to award their GCSE, NCFE and BTEC grades. This decision is determined by JCQ, DfE and Ofqual. If there are any changes, we will inform you as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

***E. Good***

Emma Good

Deputy Headteacher

