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Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from Mrs Mayes' letter on 26 February we wanted to update you on developments with regards to the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG) process.

Although all schools are still awaiting further guidance from the Awarding Organisations (exam boards), including evidence details and support materials, we are continuing to teach our courses and assess our students.

Subject Leaders are currently reviewing the content of courses taught. They are evaluating all assessment information they have from across the two years of the course, considering what was assessed and the circumstances of the assessment.

In order to gain additional evidence of learning, we will undertake another round of Practice exams with both Year 11 and Sixth form. The Year 11 exams will begin on Monday 22 March for the Maths, English and Science papers and the 13 April for some option subjects. Sixth form exams will run from Monday 26 April.

Throughout the rest of the course, teachers will also be assessing students through class- based assessments, exam board materials, online platforms (e.g. Century) and homework. It is therefore imperative that students continue to fully engage with their teachers throughout the continuation of their courses. At all times, teachers will share the purpose of the assessments and what evidence it is seeking to obtain.

Key dates:

- **Week beginning 22 March and 13 April** – Year 11 Practice exams.
- **By the end of March** – Awarding organisations will provide more information about how judgements will be made for each subject and provide optional assessment materials.
- **Week beginning 26 April and 3 May** – Sixth form Practice exams.
- **From March – June** – teachers will continue to teach the course and create assessment opportunities that will contribute to the final Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs).
- **18 June** - deadline for submitting Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) to the Awarding organisations following robust internal moderation.
- **June and July** - Awarding organisations will conduct external quality assurance by checking evidence for a sample of schools and subjects and follow up on any concerns.
- **10 August** – Level 3 results day and **12 August** – GCSE and level 2 results day.
- **After results** are released – appeals opportunity for students if they believe their grade is wrong and can evidence appropriately (the government has not yet confirmed dates for this).

As always, we will keep you up to date with any further developments as they arise. Do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with all parties and know, as always, we can count on your full support.

Yours sincerely

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