

5 March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 11 Students

Following our meetings with Heads of Department this week, we can share our planning for assessing students ahead of awarding their GCSE grades.

### **Review of Learning**

Between Thursday 11 March and the end of term, we will be working with students to review their learning. This will allow us to identify any areas of strength as well as any areas we need to work on together.

### **Assessment of Learning**

Following the Easter holiday, we will begin a series of assessments in all subjects. Teachers will create a portfolio of a small number of assessments sufficient to allow us to make a fair judgement on how well each student has understood subject content and demonstrated the assessment objectives for each subject.

The assessments will take place in the classroom under test conditions. This may include a written response to a question taking 15 minutes, a series of examination questions taking longer or a practical activity.

The precise nature of the assessments will depend on the nature of the subject. For example, some subjects are more practical and have less writing than others. In some subjects, students have already completed Non-Examined Assessments (similar to coursework) which will be taken into account.

Heads of Department are identifying exactly what will be included in each portfolio and will be sharing this with students shortly after we return to school, so that they are clear on what will be expected. This will provide students with the best possible chance of demonstrating how good they are in each subject. We will share this with parents and carers as well.

### **Keep going - you are nearly there!**

In the meantime, it is important for all students to fully engage with their teachers and to have full attendance when we return to school next week.

We are all looking forward to seeing you next week. We continue to work hard for you to ensure that you get the recognition you deserve to mark the end of your 12 years of compulsory schooling.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Hemmings', written in a cursive style.

Mr P. Hemmings  
Headteacher