



Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy

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Ref: MP/Year 11/2021

10th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Awarding GCSE Grades: Summer 2021

As you are aware, the Government decided to cancel all exams in Summer 2021. While this time of uncertainty is likely to cause anxiety for many, I would like to reassure you that we will continue to work to ensure the best and fairest outcomes for all pupils. We are still awaiting some information from examination boards and Ofqual. However, once we receive this, we will share this with you and any adjustments we need to make.

I will be speaking to all Year 11 pupils today regarding how we will support them moving forward in response to the plans published after the consultation. The key points are:

1. Teachers will make a judgement of each pupil's performance, using a range of evidence. **Pupils will only be assessed on what they been taught in class and remotely.**
2. Teachers will use a range of evidence to make a judgement of pupils' **current performance.**
3. Pupils will complete work in class, alongside any relevant evidence already completed, to inform final decisions.
4. The deadline for the submission of the final grade is **Friday 18th June 2021.** We will gather evidence **for as long as possible** to enable teaching to continue for as long as possible.
5. Examination concessions **will continue** for any work used as evidence.

Early next week we will share grades we think pupils are currently working towards, considering **all** work pupils have produced, including through remote learning. This is **not the** final grade we will submit but, an indication of what pupils are currently working toward based on the evidence we have.

As pupils complete key tasks in school to evidence their knowledge and understanding **this grade can change.** Pupils will be told by their subject teacher which pieces of work will be used as evidence. This will allow pupils time to prepare and provide them with the best chance to achieve their potential.

Staff cannot provide grades for individual pieces of work. However, pupils will receive feedback for each piece, including advice to improve future evidence pieces. If there are concerns, subject teachers will contact you to explain the support that is available for your child moving forward. We will provide additional time after school, where needed, to support pupils and allow any missed worked due to absence which will used for evidence to be complete.



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Final grade information is confidential and we cannot share this until 12th August 2021. Please do not contact teachers for this information as they will not be able to provide it.

In these uncertain times, let me offer some words, spoken by God through David, to walk the way of integrity; that we may be educated in his wisdom:

'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.'

- Psalms 32:8

The unity we present as staff, parents and pupils working together, will support our children to achieve their best in some of the most challenging circumstances. If you have any questions or queries regarding the process, please do not hesitate to contact me at GCSE2021@ianramsey.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



Mr M. Patrick
Deputy Headteacher