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Dear Parents

Assessing Year 11

I hope this letter finds you well. I thought I should update you on our plans for assessing Year 11 before the summer. At this stage, I cannot provide you with all of the detail in terms of how we are to administer the grading and the actual evidence that schools are expected to provide to exam boards: further guidance for schools is expected next week and I will share any important details at the earliest opportunity.

Our planning is based upon the following timeframe:

Planning for Year 11 Pupils - Key Dates	
Easter holidays 29 March	Pupils are to revise, organise notes and prepare for assessments on the work they have been taught during their GCSE course.
19 April	Return to school
19 – 30 April	Assessments for all Year 11 pupils in all examination subjects
Week beginning 10 May	GCSE progress information sent home to parents of Year 11
Week beginning 24 May	Year 11 assessment week
Week beginning 7 June	Year 11 assessments will be marked, standardised and checked as part of an internal quality assurance.
Week beginning 14 June	All school assessed grades will be submitted to exam boards by the Head of Centre and Examination Officer

Other work, which could be used as evidence, may take place during lessons over the summer term.

A timetable of assessments for the start of summer term will be issued next week. Assessments will be planned to allow pupils to have lessons where they can review and consolidate their learning. Pupils will also be given guidance as to which topics to revise over Easter.

Ofqual has confirmed that pupils and their families cannot be told the submitted grades until results day. However, teaching staff can inform a pupil of the grade they achieved in any assessed work they have completed.

Whilst there still remains a good deal of uncertainty, we remain committed to fully supporting the pupils to ensure our pupils receive the grades which are a true reflection of their performance across their courses, taking into account a number of assessments, not just one assessment taken on a particular day.

Please do get in touch if I can help further.

Kind regards

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