



8 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 11 Update

I am writing to provide some clarity on the home learning provision we are making for Year 11 students. Hopefully you have noticed that the level of work being provided is much more rigorous than during the previous lockdown. The expectation is that students will complete work for 5 lessons, on Microsoft Teams, each day. Students will need to log in to each lesson and complete all work that has been set. Please be aware we are monitoring the online engagement of students and will report lack of engagement directly to you.

This week the Government announced that Year 11 students will have their GCSE grade awarded as a Centre Assessed Grade. I must make you aware that we have not yet completed our taught curriculum or the mock exams necessary in order to generate such a grade. Therefore, it is crucial that students complete all work set and ask for help during their online lessons. I fully understand how difficult this must be, but I cannot emphasise how important it is for students to complete all of their work, at home, in order for them to achieve their expected grade in the Summer.

We will continue with the planned parents' evening on Thursday 14th January using an online platform called School Cloud. This is a simple and effective appointment system which allows for a 5-minute virtual meeting with each of your child's teachers. During your meeting, you will receive the following information for your child for each subject they study:

- ✓ Target grade
- ✓ Raw mark/percentage for recent mock exams
- ✓ Equivalent working at grade
- ✓ Main misconceptions from mock exams
- ✓ Attitude to learning scores linked to classwork, homework, preparation for mocks and engagement with online learning
- ✓ Key tips to improve including key units to study and questions to rehearse & practise
- ✓ Links to a suite of resources to aid learning

You will have received an email and demonstration video detailing instructions for logging in and booking appointments with your child's teachers. All the information can be found on the school website under the parents tab. I urge you to log in and book as soon as possible so we can maintain full communication with you regarding your child's attainment and progress.

Please use the report of concern button on the school website if you need to contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Maddocks'.

Kevin Maddocks
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