

11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Following on from my letter dated 29th April, (which is still available on the school website under Parent Letters and Key Publications) which covered the arrangements for the end of this half term and our planned June programme of activities, I thought it was important to write to you again with an update regarding Teacher/Centre Assessed Grades.

### **Teacher/Centre Assessed Grades:**

I know students and parents/carers will understandably be anxious about the Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) process. As I have tried to do in previous letters, I want to reassure students and parents/carers regarding this process. We learnt a great deal from the successful CAG process we went through last year and please be assured we will submit grades that are fair and based on all the information we have about students during their studies. We have students' best interests at heart and the CAGs will represent a fair picture of their progress.

The latest (and extremely late) guidance from the Joint Council for Qualification has insisted all schools submit a Centre Policy for Teacher/Centre Assessed Grades. We had already written our CAG Procedure, and this has been ratified by governors and makes up part of this policy. This policy is available on our website under the Parent Letters and Key Publications section should students or parents/carers wish to read it.

Also within this late guidance was the requirement for all departments to submit a Department Assessment Record highlighting the assessments that will lead to our CAGs.

Our Department Assessment Records will continue to reflect our policy that exams were cancelled for a reason, and we will not be replicating our own examination season within school. Instead, our Department Assessment Records reflect the regular assessment work students have been doing with a greater weighting placed on assessments completed in Year 11 as this will reflect student progress throughout the course and will be based on the majority of content covered.

CAGs will be submitted to the exam boards by the deadline of Friday 18th June. A great deal of work will be conducted prior to this date to ensure a rigorous quality assurance process of our CAGs is conducted in line with our Centre Policy.

Students will continue to be taught throughout this half term and it is important that they carry on working hard and complete all work to the best of their ability.

The Year 11 Pastoral and Exam Teams will provide further details regarding Results Day and the advice and guidance available after grades are issued. In addition, the Sixth Form Team will provide further details regarding enrolment to WBHS Sixth Form.

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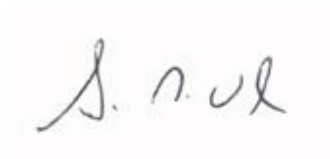
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## Conclusion

I hope the information I have provided in this letter provides more clarity regarding the Teacher/Centre Assessed Grades process that is taking place.

Following the government announcement last night, I am even more hopeful that the next stage in student lives will be more normal than they have experienced during Year 10 and Year 11. Thank you to the students for their continued hard work and to you for your continued support as we approach this important time of year.

Yours faithfully



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