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Dear Parent/Carer and Pupil

Year 11 Centre-Determined Grades

As you know, GCSE and BTEC grades for summer 2021 will be determined by the school based on a range of evidence, including adapted past papers being undertaken in lessons under teacher supervision.

We are now well into the most crucial part of this process and Year 11 pupils have had and will continue to have various assessments taking place in all their subjects during the weeks leading up to the Whitsun half term break and in the week after that half term.

It is vital that our Year 11 pupils understand just how important this period of time is for determining their subject outcomes this summer in order to ensure that they gain fair and appropriate grades. These assessments will be completed by Friday 11th June at the latest and they can then take a more relaxed approach to their school work. But just now they need to be making every effort to demonstrate maximum attainment in their assessments.

As parents/carers, please do everything you can to encourage and motivate your child(ren) to do their very best at school. Please note that over the last week, Year 11 pupils have been filling in a timetable of when their subject assessments will be taking place as their teachers have given them this information. Have a look at this sheet so that you know which assessments are coming up and, where appropriate, encourage your child(ren) to carry out the preparation/revision at home to ensure they can achieve their very best.

Once the subject assessments are completed, we will be concentrating on filling gaps and teaching elements of GCSE/BTEC courses which were taken out as a result of time in school lost to the pandemic. This will help pupils progress to further education in their chosen subjects. We still don't know when Year 11 pupils will finish school this year, but we will let you know as soon as we can.

Yours faithfully

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