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Ofqual Guidance Regarding the Next Steps

Dear Parents/Carers and Students in Year 13

Today, Ofqual are publishing what the arrangements will be for Year 13 grades this Summer. We believe that this is going to be a combination of classwork, tests, coursework and essays, with the option of Mini Tests set by the Exam Boards to be done in class. We will be doing the Mini Tests set by the Exam Boards plus other classroom-based assessments rather than doing the formal Mocks in the Hall, which we had to cancel in January 2021.

Schools are expected to continue teaching their subject syllabus with the final grade decided in late May and submitted to the Exam Boards by 18th June 2021. The assessment of the new content taught will be included in any final grade.

Reports will follow in a couple of weeks once students have had the opportunity to settle back into school routines, we have been able to assess how they are progressing and we have included anything relevant from the Ofqual Guidance. Please note that these reports will be a current 'working at grade' and NOT a prediction of what might be awarded in the summer.

During the next fortnight, once we have fully read the Ofqual Guidance, I will be in touch to let you know our arrangements for deciding the final Summer Grades for Year 13.

I know that our Year 13 Students are finding the situation stressful and our advice continues to be 'let us do the worrying, continue to engage in your learning and always do your best, as that is in your control'.

Kind regards

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