

13th January 2022

Dear Year 11 students, parents and guardians,

I am writing to confirm that, on Thursday 27th January 2022, students will receive an envelope at 2.45pm containing their pre-public examination (PPE) grades and teacher predicted grades (TPG) following the series of PPEs that took place in December 2021. We believe that part of the PPE process is to allow students to have the experience of opening an envelope in a similar way to how the results are distributed in August, but with the opportunity to make progress on those results in the months before examinations begin. I am conscious that, for some students, this may be an anxious time, and there will be a number of staff on hand to answer any immediate questions and reassure students where necessary. Year 11 parents' evening starts at 3.45pm that evening and offers the opportunity for students and parents/guardians to discuss the results and ways forward with subject teachers.

The PPE grade refers only to the examined component(s) for each subject, and has been determined using 2019 grade boundaries, as this was the last year when GCSE examinations were held.

The Department for Education (DfE) and Ofqual have been clear that grading in 2022 will be a transition year, reflecting a midway point between 2019 and 2021. Results in 2022 overall will be higher than in 2019, but not as high as in 2020. Furthermore, awarding bodies will release advance information no later than 7th February 2022 as a key adaptation to examinations this summer. The TPG is based on teachers' professional judgement, taking all of the above information currently available into account. It is not the same as a teacher assessed grade (TAG). Should examinations be further amended or even cancelled in summer 2022, and schools be asked to determine TAGS, I will share with students and parents/guardians the school policy for determining grades for summer 2022.

Following the release of the advance information from awarding bodies, I will be sharing with Year 11 students and parents/guardians a booklet, Making the Grade, which will explain the advance information and contain subject-specific revision strategies and material, to help students prepare for these important examinations.

Should parents/guardians have any questions, please contact Ruth Hill, Deputy Headteacher, via the main school office.

Yours sincerely



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