

For Year 11 students/parents/carers

Should my child still continue to revise for their GCSEs?

Yes. In this period of uncertainty, it is expected that your child will continue revising and completing work set by teachers. This will enable them to continue to develop good study habits for Year 12 and prepare for the possibility of examinations early in the next academic year. For most subjects, this will mean that students will continue to follow their Revision Plan timetable and use the range of resources that they have been directed to.

Will my child's grades be based on teachers' predicted grades alone?

No. Ofqual are currently developing a process for the calculation of final grades that will be fair to all students. They have stated that the evidence sources will not simply be teacher predictions, but a range of evidence including performance in mock examinations, non-examination assessments and prior data.

How will BTEC qualifications be awarded this year?

BTEC qualifications include a heavier weighting of non-examined assessment (coursework) than GCSEs. This is produced by students throughout the two year course and is sampled at the end of the Year 10 and again at the end of Year 11. It is expected that BTEC grades will be informed by student performance in non-examined assessments.

Can I find out more information about my child's current grades through contacting their subject teacher?

No. We do not yet know the process for the calculation of final grades and therefore do not know the evidence that schools will be asked to submit. In light of this, teachers will be unable to respond to questions about likely grade outcomes over the next few weeks.

I understand that this is a challenging time for parents, carers and students and will share further guidance on assessment when we have received further guidance from the DfE. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate Mr Wong's message from Friday 20th March and state how immensely proud the school is of the achievements of Year 11 over the last five years. We look forward to working with many members of this talented year group when they join our Sixth Form in September.