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Dear Year 11 parents

The following email has been sent to Year 11 students giving an update on the awarding of grades this year.

Dear Year 11

Firstly, we are all really looking forward to you coming back into school next week and getting on with lessons in classrooms.

I am sure you are all keen to know what is going on with how grades will be awarded this year. There has been a fair amount in the news but none of this has fully explained what will happen.

We have received initial guidance and have been able to start planning but there is still more detail to be sent to schools from the exam boards nearer to the Easter holidays. So, although I can't give you the full details yet, I can give you an overview of what we have agreed we will be doing.

We have been told that grades will be based on teacher assessments. These will include assessments that you have completed in the past along with assessments that you will be doing after you return to school. You will not be sitting tests or exams as soon as you come back. The vast majority of future assessments will be done in the summer term and will be completed before the May half term holiday. Any assessments that are done this term will be near to the start of the Easter holidays. We want to see the very best that you can do so it is really important that you keep working hard when you get back into school.

Assessments that you will be taking will be scheduled so that you know well in advance when you will be tested. Your subject teachers will go through with you the topics you will be tested on. Any coursework that you have done will be assessed and will count towards your grade and you may well continue with this when you get back to lessons.

The time that you have missed being out of school will be taken into account when arriving at your final grades. We have to submit the grades to the exam boards by 18 June and you will receive your grades on 12 August. We will not be able to tell you what these grades are before this date. If, when you get your results, you feel any grades are not a fair reflection of your performance you will have the right to appeal. More details about these procedures will follow.

I hope that sharing this overview with you helps to put your minds at ease, particularly knowing that you will not be coming straight back into school to sit any tests. We will be able to go through the details of how this is all going to work with you after you return and when we get the detailed guidance from the exam boards.

With kind regards

**Mr Houghton**  
Deputy Headteacher