

Awarding 2021 Update

Y11



Current position

- Draft guidance has been issued to schools
- Final guidance from Exam Boards expected Friday or Monday
- We will be writing formally to pupils/parents/carers towards the end of next week to confirm arrangements



Plans for after Easter

- We intend to break up the half term into 3 blocks of 2 weeks - with written assessments in up to 2 of these blocks

Dates	Content/activity	Assessment
Mon 19 Apr – Fri 30 Apr	Topic A & B	
Tue 4 May – Fri 14 May	Topic A & B	Questions on topic A & B (40 minutes)
Mon 17 May – Fri 28 May	Topic C	Questions on topic C (30 minutes)

- This information will be published before Easter so all students are clear what they will be working towards next half term

“Leaving” date

- Unfortunately we cannot provide a final date yet
- We are awaiting a final decision from the Department for Education
- However this will be no later than Friday 18 June



Supporting students

- The school wants to provide grades to the exam boards which are fair and accurate.
- We will work hard to ensure that this happens.
- We have to exercise legitimate academic judgement supported by evidence



Supporting students

- There are several phases of “quality assurance” both within school and externally by the exam boards after we submit grades.
- Exam boards will review grades submitted by the schools and look to see that evidence is available to support them
- We are therefore obligated to keep copies of key pieces of assessment between now and June 18th



Supporting students

- We are required to inform students & parents/carers that contacting staff to pressurise them to award grades which are higher than the evidence supports is **malpractice**.
- We are obligated to report such instances to the exam boards.
- This may result in disqualification.



Appeals

- After results are issued in the summer there will be an appeals process for students who believe that the process has not been followed correctly
 - Stage 1: School
 - Stage 2: Exam Board
 - Stage 3: Ofqual



Appeals

- Appeals can only be made on the basis that the school has not followed the procedure correctly or exercised legitimate academic judgement
- There is no appeal on the basis that you believe you should have been awarded a higher grade



Potential November opportunity

- Like last year the government are currently planning for a potential November exam series for any student unhappy with their final grade
- As usual there will be resit opportunities for students in English & maths who have not obtained a grade 4 or higher. We will support students through timetabled lessons in our Sixth Form



Support for the future – Y11

- The school recognises that you have had your studies interrupted by two periods of lockdown.
- Last year we made a commitment to students in the Sixth Form that we would provide extra teaching time.
- We now make the same commitment to **you**. Each A-level subject will have an additional hour of teaching time each fortnight.

