

Awarding Update

27 April 2021



Current position

- HT5 Assessment timetable provided to students
- Assessment to be complete by Friday 28 May
- National release of Additional Assessment Materials to schools



Additional Assessment Materials

- Released to help schools with assessment, but in the interests of fairness & transparency they have also been made available publicly
- They are mostly past paper questions, many of which you may already be using as part of questions teachers are going through in class.
- It is no more likely that we will be using/adapting these questions than any other past questions.



Additional Assessment Materials

- It is neither cheating nor necessary to use these materials
- Remember teaching staff are already working through past examinations questions with you as part of revision in class and in after school revision
- Only the questions have been published - not the answers. It would be malpractice for the school to give you these.
- Email to students with more information this week



How will I be graded?

- Schools have to exercise legitimate academic judgement supported by evidence, submitting grades by 18 June
- Teachers will be looking for the best fit of your evidence to the grade descriptors for each subject
- Extensive internal quality assurance and there will also be a national quality assurance programme so you can be confident grades awarded by different schools are similar



What next?

- Prepare as best as possible for your assessments - take them seriously. Attend revision sessions.
- Whilst we consider the whole evidence base it is the case that students improve their performance over time - therefore this half term's evidence is very important
- Remember we have to assess your “current standard” - we are not predicting or projecting your what your performance might have been.



What next?

- We will publish the “evidence base” for each subject.
- Later this half term you will be given an opportunity to raise any issues which may have affected your performance in any assessment.
- It is important you respond to this if you want any personal circumstances to be taken into account (e.g. significant illness, family bereavement)

