



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

8th January 2021

Dear Year 11 and 13 students and their Parents/Carers,

Following the announcement on Wednesday, 6th January from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, I can confirm that we have been informed that teacher assessments will replace examined grades this summer for GCSE and A level.

The details surrounding how this will work have not been released to us yet, but it is likely that there will be some form of quality assurance. We will continue to teach our examination classes and set assessments so that students can continue to make academic progress. This is really important as students will benefit from a thorough grounding now ahead of their new courses in September.

Year 11 will receive predicted grades at the end of January and Year 13 by late February. However, given the changes to how students will be assessed this year, we will publish further predicted grades later in the year after students have completed more of their course. This is particularly important as many students learn from mistakes made in their assessed pieces and their mocks and can often make significant improvements throughout this and next term.

I will ask teachers to decide on predicted grades and these will be communicated with students and families at set points. I ask that you understand and appreciate the position that teachers find themselves in and trust that we always put the best interests of all our students at the centre of every decision we make.

I will write again when we have more information.

Best wishes,

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