"For life, not school, we learn"

30th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers of students in Year 11 and 13,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and I hope you all enjoyed somewhat of a break over Easter.

At PHSG we have been impressed by the resilience and determination of the students in their approach to the green assessments, they should all be congratulated for their efforts.

I am including in this letter an infographic from OFQUAL which provides a useful summary of the grade awarding process and a link to the Joint Council for Qualifications policies.



There is further advice for parents and students on how this year's grades will be determined here:

https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf

Here are some key points that you should be aware of:

• Between now and Friday 28th May, students in Year 11 and 13 will continue to be assessed in class following the Assessment three week rolling programme shared with you previously. These assessments will ensure that teachers can confidently award a CAG grade for your son/daughter.

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- The CAG grades will be based on how students are currently performing, not a prediction of how students might have achieved had the summer examinations gone ahead.
- Depending on the subject studied, students will be completing a range of examination questions, essays and NEA tasks in practical subjects. Our teachers will be working incredibly hard this term to set, mark and moderate all of these assessments.
- By the end of this term, the expectation is that all teachers will have sufficient evidence to determine a grade for every student in every subject.

With this in mind, we have determined that the last normal school day for Year 11 and 13 students this year will be **Friday 28th May.**

Information about leaver day events, proms, year 12 induction days and support for students moving from KS5 to degrees or apprenticeships will be shared with you in correspondence from the relevant Heads of Year.

An important date to note is that the results will be issued on Tuesday 10th August for A level qualifications and Thursday 12th August for GCSE qualifications. More information on the logistics of these days will be provided nearer the time.

I hope this update has been useful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Mrs Eales White (Head of Sixth form) or Miss Zoe Boyle (Head of Year 11).

Yours sincerely,

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