



10<sup>th</sup> May 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 were able to enjoy 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.

**How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021**

**Working out your grade**

- Graded by teacher judgement
- Not graded by an algorithm
- School and college assessments can continue
- You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught
- Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you
- Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded

**Evidence**

- Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence
- Non-exam assessment should continue
- Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete
- Art & design grade based only on your portfolio
- Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to
- Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best

**Results and appeals**

**Results days**  
AS and A level 10 August  
GCSE 12 August

If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.

You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website

[www.gov.uk/ofqual](http://www.gov.uk/ofqual)

There is now further advice for parents and students on how this year's grades will be determined, this can be found by following this link and on the schools website.

<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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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 will be Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May for year 13 and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May for year 11. Further 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 10<sup>th</sup> August for A level qualifications and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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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