



# St. Julie's Catholic High School

Headteacher: Mr. T. Alderman

*"Serve the good God well with much liberty of spirit"*

Thursday 4 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

## Re: Year 11 and 13 – Teacher Assessed Grades 2021

On Thursday 25 February the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson and Ofqual (exam regulators) confirmed that schools would issue teacher assessed grades for Year 11 and 13 students due to the recent global pandemic and national lockdowns.

Ofqual have released various documents to outline how this process will work, for further information please visit: [www.gov.uk/ofqual](http://www.gov.uk/ofqual). We believe this is the fairest method for schools to use based on the amount of disruption to learning and teaching over the last twelve months.

To ensure your daughter receives fair and objective grades, we have implemented an 11-stage quality assurance process. This will use a combination of measures such as: key evidence indicators (classwork, homework, mocks, coursework etc); a moderation and standardisation process; review of historical data and a student's performance over the last 5 years; special consideration and reasonable adjustments.

This rigorous and holistic process will ensure that students receive fair and objective grades which reflect their schoolwork completed over the last five years. The plan below outlines the activities and events due to take place in the lead up to the final submission deadline. Formal assessment timetables will be published from Monday 15 March so that students can plan, prepare and revise. Please note that formal assessments will only test students on the topics they have been taught. Formal assessments will take place in the sports hall or other designated rooms.

Week beginning	Focus		
8 March	Quality first teaching	Review and recall of skills, knowledge and understanding	
15 March	Quality first teaching	Baseline assessments	Evidence gathering – classwork, homework, other substantial work
22 March	Quality first teaching	Baseline assessments	Evidence gathering – classwork, homework, other substantial work
<b>22 March</b>	<b>Internal quality assurance process begins</b>		
<b>29 March to 9 April</b>	<b>Easter holidays</b>		
12 April	Quality first teaching	Analysis of baseline assessments	Ongoing formative and summative assessments in class
19 April	Quality first teaching	Review and recall of skills, knowledge and understanding	Evidence gathering and ongoing formative assessments in class
26 April	Quality first teaching	Review and recall of skills, knowledge and understanding	Evidence gathering and ongoing formative assessments in class
4 May	<b>Year 11 and 13 Formal assessments</b>		
10 May	<b>Year 11 and 13 Formal assessments</b>		



17 May	Quality first teaching & formative assessments in class	Continue to gather evidence to support final grade submissions
24 May	Quality first teaching & formative assessments in class	Continue to gather evidence to support final grade submissions
<b>31 May</b>	<b>Half-term</b>	
7 June	Quality first teaching & formative assessments in class	Continue to gather evidence to support final grade submissions
18 June	<b>National deadline for final grade submissions – Year 11 and 13</b>	
<b>18 June</b>	<b>Internal quality assurance process ends</b>	
10 August	<b>AS and A Level results day</b>	
12 August	<b>GCSE results day</b>	

Formal assessment grades will support final grade submissions alongside several other pieces of evidence, e.g. substantial classwork, homework, work completed during remote learning, coursework (if applicable) as well as other types of formative and summative assessment.

Please refer to the attached Ofqual document which outlines how GCSEs, AS and A Levels will be awarded in summer 2021.

A presentation and Q&A session will take place next week for all Year 11 and 13 students to outline the process and explain in detail how teacher assessed grades will be awarded. Presentations will take place on:

- Year 11 students – Monday 8 March at 2.30pm in the Dorothy Stang Theatre
- Year 13 students – Tuesday 9 March at 2.30pm in the Dorothy Stang Theatre

We will continue to work with you and your daughter over the weeks and months ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact the KS4 or KS5 team if you require any further information. Regular updates will be sent via the weekly newsletter and other methods of communication. May I take this opportunity to congratulate your daughter for demonstrating great resilience, perseverance, dedication and commitment during this global pandemic. Thank you for your continued support of your daughter's education.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K McCourt

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



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