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: <u>www.gov.uk/ofqual</u>. 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			Evidence gathering – classwork, homework, other substantial work	
22 March	Quality first teaching	Baseline assessments		Evidence gathering – classwork, homework, other substantial work	
22 March	Internal quality assurance process begins				
29 March to 9	Easter holidays				
April					
12 April	Quality first teaching		alysis of baseline essments		Ongoing formative and summative assessments in class
19 April	Quality first teaching	skil	Review and recall of skills, knowledge and understanding		Evidence gathering and ongoing formative assessments in class
26 April	Quality first teaching	skil	Review and recall of skills, knowledge and understanding		Evidence gathering and ongoing formative assessments in class
4 May	Year 11 and 13 Formal assessments				
10 May	Year 11 and 13 Formal assessments				



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

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

centre to provide evidence for

them to be graded



Working out your grade	Evidence	Results and appeals	
Graded by teacher judgement	Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence	AS and A level 10 August GCSE 12 August	
Not graded by an algorithm	Non-exam assessment should continue	If you're unhappy with your ठिव्र क्रिक्र grade, you can appeal it. First	
School and college assessments can continue	Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete	grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.	
You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught	Art & design grade based only on your portfolio	You can find out more details from your school,	
Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you	Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to	college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website	
Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam	Results will be based on	www.gov.uk/ofqual	

completed and future work,

so keep doing your best

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