



7th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

YEAR 11 & 13 TEACHER ASSESSED GRADES AND END OF YEAR EXAMINATIONS

As you may be aware, public exams have been cancelled this summer owing to the disruption caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. Schools will instead provide Teacher Assessed Grades from a range of evidence. Here at Cardinal Pole, the evidence used will consist of some or all of the following:

- End of Year 10 Exams;
- Mock Exams: November 2020;
- Mock Exams: March 2021;
- End of Year Exam May 2021;
- Coursework and Portfolios;
- Non- Exam Assessments;
- Endorsements of practical skills: A Level Biology, Chemistry and Physics;
- Timed Essays;
- Homework;
- Classwork;
- Speaking and Listening: Modern Foreign Language;
- Performance: Drama and PE.

The school has put robust strategies in place to ensure grades are reliable and fair. Further information and guidance for students, parents and carers are available at <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

End of Year Exams

End of year exams, which will be used as part of the evidence to determine final grades, take place from 17th May to 21st May 2021.

- **Year 13** students will be revising independently from Monday 17nd May to Friday 21st May 2021 off site and should only attend school on their exam days. Students are expected to revise at home when not in exams on their planned schedule;
- From Monday 17th May 2021, **Year 11** students who do not have afternoon exams will be dismissed after their morning exam and they are expected to use the time at home for revision;
- All students are expected to arrive to school at 8.30am for a prompt 8.45am start.

Students have been given their individualised exam timetables, and they should take note of their seat number for each exam. They are reminded to bring the correct equipment to their exams, including at least **two** black ink pens, a Maths set, a ruler and a scientific calculator. Mobile phones are **not** allowed in school and should be kept at home.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish your child best luck in their exams.

Yours sincerely,

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