

21st January 2021



Date Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to you personally to provide an update with the information we have so far regarding examinations, awarding of grades for Year 11 students, post 16 applications and next steps for your child.

As you are aware the government announced GCSE examinations and vocational examinations will not go ahead this year. You will have heard recently in the news that details around this have started to be discussed with Ofqual who are responsible for providing students with grades. A consultation period started last week and will last until Friday 29th January after which firm decisions will be made by The Department for Education.

Senior Leaders and I have looked at the proposals in detail and have responded to the consultation with our thoughts and I would encourage you to do the same. The link for this can be found here.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/953000/6743-

[1 GCSE AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021.pdf](#)

Whilst so much is still uncertain what is clear however, is the importance of your child attending every online lesson as all work they do may be needed as evidence for decisions regarding grades. I cannot stress the importance of continuing their education enough and completing work set by their teachers. If your child has not been attending online a further meeting will be arranged to discuss this. If your child is experiencing technical problems which hinder their ability to attend online lessons do get in touch with us urgently on 0161 8866500.

We continue to support students with their transition to post-16 learning and are aware that a number of students are yet to apply to college due to website issues and bubble closures prior to Christmas. Mr Berry will be writing to you if your child has yet to apply or needs to make a further application, if you have any questions regarding college or apprenticeship places, please contact our Careers Leader, Calum Berry on calum.berry@oasismediactyuk.org . We also have an independent careers adviser, Cheryl Mostyn who can be contacted for advice and guidance at Cheryl.Mostyn@careerconnect.org.uk



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Further to the above the Year 11 Parents Evening calendared for Thursday 11th February will still take place. This, however, will now be a virtual Information Evening led by the Academy Leadership Team. We will provide you with the most up-to-date information we have and it will also provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions regarding exams, grading and post 16 provision. I will send more information and a link to the meeting in due course.

Finally, please know that we are here to offer support to you and your child and we will do the very best we can for our young people at this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact the academy if you need to.

Thank you as always for your support

With best wishes

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