

Dear Parent/Carer

### RE: Year 11 GCSE Teacher Assessed Grades 2021

I am writing to you today to provide you with further information and updates around the awarding of the year 11 GCSE grades.

As OFQUAL announced, we will be required to submit Teacher Assessed Grades.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021>

#### Assessment and evidence

- *Teachers must assess their students' performance, only on what content has been delivered to them by their teachers, to determine the grade each student should receive.*
- *Teachers can use evidence of a student's performance from throughout the course to inform their judgement.*
- *Teachers should determine the grades as late in the academic year as is practicable, and not confined to a defined window, to enable teaching to continue for as long as possible.*
- *Schools and colleges should use a broad range of evidence across the taught content to determine the grades before submitting the grades to the exam boards.*
- *Students should continue to work on their coursework, including for Project qualifications. Coursework will be marked by teachers and will contribute to the overall grade, whether or not this is has been completed, but we will not require exam boards to moderate it.*
- *In GCSE, AS and A level art and design, the student's grade must be based on the portfolio only, whether or not it has been completed.*
- *In GCSE English language and GCSE modern foreign languages, centres should determine and submit a separate grade or result for the endorsement. This result or grade should be based on work that has been completed towards the endorsement.*
- *Overall, it will be no easier or harder for a student to achieve a particular grade this year compared to previous years.*

From this information, we have devised what feel to be a fair and unbiased process for formulating these grades. In addition to this week's assessments, year 11 will complete two further rounds of assessments after Easter. We will send further information about these after the Easter holiday.

A copy of the curriculum overview that was shared alongside the Assessment Point 2 reports can be found on the academy website should you wish to view topics covered this half term.

[https://www.oasisacademymediacityuk.org/uploaded/MediaCityUK/Curriculum/Online\\_Learning/2021\\_remote\\_learning/Remote\\_Learning\\_Curriculum\\_Feb\\_-\\_April.pdf](https://www.oasisacademymediacityuk.org/uploaded/MediaCityUK/Curriculum/Online_Learning/2021_remote_learning/Remote_Learning_Curriculum_Feb_-_April.pdf)

Please scan the QR code for quick access to the curriculum overview.



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To assist students with revision during the Easter break, we have arranged revision sessions in the following subjects, please see timetable below. All sessions will run between 09:00am and 13:00pm in the academy.



Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Photography EWI	Science HPA	Maths DJA/RNE/KWO/GCH/SCO	English SRY/KEM/NNA/FWO	Sports VBE
Sports VBE/LBA	Health & Social Care MFA		History EMA	
	Art JMC			
	Food Tech SHO			
	Music ADV			

We would like to thank you for all your support during these challenging times and hope this letter provides understanding and clarity for the year 11's. We are committed to helping students achieve the grades they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

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