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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been delighted with the attitude and effort displayed by the vast majority of our Year 11 students, following the full re-opening of the College in March. Their attendance has been very pleasing and the cooperation shown throughout the period of lateral flow testing was exemplary.

As you are aware, there will be no formal examinations this summer. Instead, the Department for Education (DfE) decided that teachers must assess the performance of their students against a stringent set of national standards. The following link from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) provides further guidance for parents and students regarding the awarding of grades.

[Guidance for students, parents and guardians: GCSEs and AS/A Levels in England Summer 2021](#)

As explained in our letter of 09.03.21, the Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG), will be based only on the curriculum content which has already been taught and must reflect a fair, reasonable and carefully considered judgement of a student's performance across a range of evidence. This will include: standardised assessments (inc. Mock Examinations), Non-Exam Assessments (NEA – including evidence from practical performances), termly (end of unit) assessments along with any external tests which had already been completed.

Despite the disruption caused by the National Lockdown, we used the last 4 weeks of Term 4 to strengthen the bank of evidence required to inform our TAG's. This was achieved through a series of mini assessments and by improving NEA content in subjects with an NEA component. This process will continue during Term 5 as per the schedule we shared by email on 23.03.21, details of this can be found [here](#).

All our assessments will take place during lesson time. They have been carefully planned in order to maximise performance for our students whilst being mindful of the pressures this process is placing upon them. Teaching staff will explain the purpose of any assessment before it is taken and lessons are being used to thoroughly prepare students so they can effectively demonstrate their ability. As with other in-school assessments, any single piece of evidence from Terms 4 or 5 will not be the final Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG). Students will receive appropriate feedback following each assessment however, as per DfE guidelines, we are not able to inform students of grades before they are submitted to Examination Boards. Students should not try to 'second guess' grades based on marks achieved in a particular assessment, national grade boundaries will not be issued by Examination Boards this year.

Once all the evidence is selected and assessments are complete, teachers will make a professional judgement on giving an overall grade for each qualification being studied. It is important to say that, much like with exams in normal years, the grades issued by the college will be based on what each student has achieved, rather than their potential in a subject. They will be a snapshot of the standard at which each student is performing based on a range of valid evidence you have produced. It therefore goes without saying that we strongly encourage all our students to continue to focus on these assessments. Their grade will be based on their performance, and so their outcomes are ultimately in their hands.

It is essential that all students continue to attend classes, study diligently, act on feedback from their teachers, revise thoroughly and read around their subject until the assessment period is completed. When the assessments are concluded, College Staff will need a period of time to carry out moderation and quality assurance processes based on these assessment outcomes. With this in mind, we plan for Friday 28th May to be the last day of full time attendance for Year 11 students. We are in the process of liaising with our post-16 partners to provide the necessary support our students will require to facilitate a smooth transition to the next phase of their education. We will provide further details of this program in due course together with information regarding the arrangements for any events we are able to hold celebrating your child's time at Claverham.

We will continue to supply you with the most up to date information we have available to us, as and when we receive it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Swatton', written in a cursive style.

Mr P.Swatton  
Principal