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Headteacher: Mr J Parr BA Hons

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Dear Parent / Carer

We have been hugely impressed with the way that our Year 11 students have continued to display such a positive approach as they navigate through the final stage of their journey through Church Stretton School. They are a credit to the school and their parents/carers. We are very proud of them and their excellent attitudes in these unusual circumstances.

We are rapidly approaching the end of the assessment cycle that will inform the GCSE/BTEC grades for this year. Next week we will, where time allows, share recent assessment outcomes in class and bridge any gaps in evidence, although the formal assessment timetable finishes on Friday 21st May. As you may recall we will be using assessment evidence from Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021 in-school assessment series. Subjects with non-examined assessment (NEA) will include this evidence, gathered throughout the course, when arriving at a grade as well as written assessment scores. Teaching staff are busy marking recent assessments, standardising and moderating all evidence to ensure that it is in-line with exam board standards.

For clarity we have produced a summary that details the assessment evidence used for each subject in the appendix to this letter. Whilst other tests and assessments, classwork and assignments may have taken place during the course it is only the evidence shown in the appendix that will be used to arrive at grades. Although staff are unable to hold any discussion regarding potential allocated grades, we are here if you have any wider questions.

At this stage we thought it would be useful to respond to a number of questions already received about the grading process, please see the details below:

When is my child's last day in school? Students will complete all work which will contribute towards their TAGs by the end of this half term, therefore their final day in school will be on **Friday, 28th May**. We may call individuals into school after half term if we have insufficient/incomplete evidence to arrive at a grade.

When is results day? GCSE results day will be on **Thursday, 12th August 2021**. Results are likely to be made available electronically via GO4S, but we will contact you closer to the time should anything change. Students should continue to check their school email account until results day.

What further support will there be for my child following half term? During this time, we will be working hard to continue to support students in the next steps of their education. We will share transition materials for post-16 courses via GO4S as well as

careers related information. Please encourage your son/daughter to remain active in their studies beyond half term and make use of these materials. If any students require further careers advice, then they should make contact with Mr Overton who will put the appropriate arrangements in place to help, guide and support. Students should be encouraged to make contact with post-16 providers to look at what further opportunities are on offer.

Is there a Leavers' Prom this year? Covid restrictions and the uncertainty of the government road map have made this difficult to plan for, however the PTA are trying to arrange an event with a provisional date of 24th June being suggested. More details will follow from the PTA as and when they are able to.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.
Thanks as always for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

Andy Wood
Deputy
Headteacher

Martyn Longhurst
Assistant
Headteacher

Dan Bird
Assistant
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Appendix:


Subject	Evidence used for the Teacher Assessed Grade
Maths	Assessment data from Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021
English Language	Assessment data from Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021
English Literature	Assessment data from Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021
Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science, Computer Science)	Assessment data from Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021
Geography	Assessment data from Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021
History	Assessment data from Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021
French	Assessment data from Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021
Art	NEA (non-examined assessment) throughout the course (portfolio work)
Design	NEA (non-examined assessment) throughout the course and Assessment data from Spring 2021 and Summer 2021
Drama	NEA (non-examined assessment) throughout the course and Assessment data from Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021
Music	NEA (non-examined assessment) throughout the course and Assessment data from Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021
BTEC Subjects (Construction, Sport, Digital IT)	BTEC qualifications have a separate, but similar, process to GCSE subjects leading to the award of a grade based on assessment throughout the course as well as a written assessment taken either on-line or as part of the school assessments in autumn, spring and summer of year 11. The work for BTEC courses has been externally moderated by the exam board.

Summary of evidence base by subject for the award of a TAG 2021:

How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021



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