

20<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to update you on a few things, which we know about Y11 and CAGs (Centre Assessed Grades) this year. The Government has agreed to launch a brief consultation, open to all stakeholders, on our views about how we should award grades for GCSEs, Vocational and post-16 qualifications this summer. The deadline for responses is January 29<sup>th</sup>, so as parents and students, if you wish to respond, I would urge you to read the information by clicking the link below and responding to the consultation (at the bottom of the page). At JoG, we will respond as individual teachers, as a school and as a Trust too.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021?utm\\_source=18%20January%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021?utm_source=18%20January%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

On a daily basis, a large majority of Year 11 students are engaging in their learning, which is so good to see. I thank them for their tenacity and resilience; it is tough to learn in such conditions, but I am so proud of what they do every day and of the way staff support them. We have amazing evidence of the great work that is being done currently by our students.

Whether or not it is decided that Y11 students will have mini tests nationally, as currently suggested, it is imperative that all our Year 11 students understand that all the evidence we gather every day will have a part to play in our decision, when staff are asked to grade students. **If your child is not joining lessons or he / she is not returning work, this will have a detrimental impact on their final grades.** May I please remind you that if your child is unable to connect to TEAMS, attend lessons and complete their work, you / they should let us know as a matter of urgency.

Once the consultation is over and we have a clearer idea as to what students will be asked to do for their results, I will write to you again. Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, via the school office.

Thank you for all your support; being parents who juggle work / family demands and supervise the education of their children, is a huge task – I do not underestimate it!

Kindest regards,



**Mrs C Walker**  
Vice Principal