



29 March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer / Student

CURRICULUM ASSESSMENTS SUMMER 2021

Following my previous communication, I am writing to provide further detail regarding the processes we are undertaking with respect to Curriculum Assessments and the awarding of grades this summer.

Teaching will continue throughout the first half of the summer term providing students with multiple opportunities to demonstrate what they are capable of, to refine and improve work and continue to make progress towards their final grade. As indicated in the previous letter it is important to understand that there will not be an exam series. However students will have the opportunity, alongside their lessons, to focus on some in class Curriculum Assessments. We have carefully considered the number and timing of these Curriculum Assessments to ensure that they are not overwhelming in number and supportive of both students and staff. With that in mind, we have made sure that, unless absolutely unavoidable (mainly due to the bank holiday), the number of Curriculum Assessments is capped at 2 per day (3 for post 16). **The outcome of these will form only part of the suite of evidence that is utilised to determine a student's overall grade.** Other evidence to be used will include, but not be exclusive to; mock exams, in class assessments, classwork and homework, at all times considering only the material that has already been taught.

The Curriculum Assessments will take place in the three weeks 26 April 2021 to the 14 May 2021. With the subjects spread evenly across the three weeks. Each subject will have three lessons identified exclusively for the Curriculum Assessments and during this time all exam access arrangements will be observed to ensure equity of access for all.

From Monday, students will be supported through assemblies and tutor time to identify and construct their assessment schedule ensuring that they are informed and aware of the process.

Class teachers will continue to discuss the process with the students as well as providing them with suitable guidance on the material that will be within the scope of the assessment. This means that all students will be able to prepare effectively and efficiently making the most of the opportunity to demonstrate the very best that they are capable of.

We continue to work on the details for events for students after half term which will include; South Dartmoor and Atrium 6th form preparation, subject enrichment for Y11, as well as careers advice and guidance and not least leaving events for both Year 11 and Year 13 students. As details are confirmed we will communicate them with you.

Kind regards

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