



Thursday 20th May - Home learning day for all students

Dear Parent/Carer

This year, following the cancellation of all Summer GCSE Examinations, schools are expected to provide every Y11 student with a teacher-assessed grade for every subject they study. All teachers will be asked to mark and standardise a portfolio of student work in support of these judgments. In order for some of the critical steps in this process to take place we need staff to be able to work collaboratively both in school and across the Trust to ensure our systems are fair, robust and will meet the standards of external scrutiny required. To enable this to happen Thursday 20 May will now be a home learning day where the school will be closed to all students and work will be set for them to complete at home independently. Work will be set as it was in lockdown through google classrooms and whilst teachers might record videos to explain the tasks they will not be delivering any live elements or available on line to support during the day.

Assigning teacher assessed grades is a very important and large task more complex and rigorous than last year when we did not have students in school. We have managed most of this process so far through extra meetings and using Friday afternoons however we do need this day for subject teachers to complete certain aspects of the process together. I would like to thank you in advance for supporting staff and year 11 by keeping your daughter or son at home on the 20th May. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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