

English and Maths statement January 2021

To all English and/or Maths GCSE students

You will be aware of the Government announcement regarding this year's GCSE exams. We now know that the summer assessments will not look as we thought they would. **However, the cancellation of exams in core subjects such as English and Maths has not been confirmed.**

To make sure that we are prepared for all possible decisions, we need to have evidence showing your progress whilst also helping you to get ready for any exam you may be asked to sit.

If, like last year, we are asked to produce a Centre Assessed Grade, the college team will collectively decide on your grade using a range of evidence. The decision will not fall to one teacher.

Unlike last year, we will also be collating your online work because it is essential that we can demonstrate your skills in all of the assessment outcomes. We need you to work hard and show us what you can do.

Obviously, for grades to be fair, we need to verify that your work is your own. This is why your attendance and effort in online lessons is so important. We will use your attendance, your engagement in lessons and the work you produce as part of our overall assessment.

We know that the Government's announcement will have left you with questions and some concerns. We ask you to trust us and to work with us so that we are ready for whatever plans are put in place. As soon as we know what these are, we will communicate them to you.

Thank you for your continued hard work at this challenging time.

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