

Date: 22 April 2021

Dear A' level student,

We recognise the impact that COVID has had on your learning this year, and you may feel that you have not made the same progress as you would have done in any other year. Try to remember that this is same for students everywhere and it is our intention to support you to achieve your full potential.

We have already assessed your spring term progress, through the March progress review which includes the teacher set assessments and independent piece of work, and we will use this as a baseline to judge your final achievement. The marks awarded will provide us with 50% of the evidence to go towards your final grade. However, where there is a variation in performance during the academic year, we will also consider significant assessments that contributed towards autumn term progress reviews. This will allow us to make a holistic judgement to ensure the final grade is a fair representation of achievement.

It is important that we give you as long as possible to develop your skills and knowledge before we decide on your final teacher assessed grade. For this reason, we will continue to teach you from the A' level syllabus in your timetabled classes after Easter.

We will make a final assessment of your skills in the week commencing 17th of May.

For most subjects, you will sit one paper, based on what we have taught you this year and materials that awarding bodies have produced for assessment. Some subjects, such as Art may have portfolio work or non examined assessments which you may have already completed. Your teacher will advise you what is appropriate for your subject. This final assessment will be a chance to raise your grade from your performance in the March progress review so it is important that you study hard for the next few weeks.

You will get feedback on these exams and other assessments, and the marks that you have achieved but we will not be able to tell you your final grade, as this is confidential until it is agreed, amended and then published by the awarding body on the 10th of August.

All teacher assessed grades go through a process of moderation. This means that no one teacher decides on your scores or grade and that teachers and managers work together to mark work, measure progress and decide on grades for the whole year group. This year, the awarding bodies will also sample student work to look for mistakes, unfairness or bias and they will make the final decision on grading for all students. This means your final grade will have been looked at by a range of experts to ensure you get the recognition your work deserves.

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We hope this gives you assurance that your grade will be a fair reflection of your skills and that you still have time to make progress and achieve. Please continue to work with your teachers towards this and let them know what support you need to achieve.

Wishing you every success

Janet Smith

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

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