



Dear Parent/Carer

14 January 2021

## Year 13 Trial Results & Forecast Grade - January 2021

Year 13 students will receive both their trial examination results and their forecast grades in the next couple of days. Forecast grades are based on their work in class and their trial exam results; these results are available to students and parents on Insight. Both sets of grades should give students and parents a benchmark of current progress and should form the basis of plans going forward. Using these, students should construct detailed revision plans and continue good habits formed before the trial examinations.

It is important to remember that:

- The trial examinations grade is a snapshot in time - it is not a predictor of success, but a diagnostic tool used to identify what and how students need to improve
- The 'forecast grade' is an indication of a potential grade that your child might achieve in the summer, if they take on board teacher advice, and reflect honestly on their work. It is not a final prediction; every year, even in normal circumstances, we see some students outstrip their January forecast grades with focused effort; and, unfortunately, some students do not achieve their forecast grades because they fail to take on board teacher feedback. The trial exams have provided an indication of success, but have not tested the entire syllabus for most subjects - therefore the forecast grades are not a guarantee, and are conditional on hard work.

Whilst we await the consultation from Ofqual on the form and shape that 'teacher-assessed' grades will take in the summer, including what externally-set testing may be required, it is important that your child continues to work hard and creates revision material through the online lessons being delivered; teachers are continuing to gather evidence to help inform whatever system of grading may be in place for the summer.

If you are concerned about your son/daughter's results, please contact the class teacher for a particular subject in the first instance or, if your concern is across several subjects, Miss Murray, Ms Gaches or Mrs Swift will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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