



Great Wyrley Academy

A part of the Windsor Academy Trust

Headteacher: Mr Ian Moreton, BSc Hons, NPQH FCCT

Ref:mne/gwaadmin/letter- y11next steps

9 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

It is fantastic to have Year 11 students back in school for face-to-face lessons. I am writing to share some important information about the next steps for students in terms of being awarded grades at the end of the academic year.

This week is for students to refamiliarise themselves with school and engage in learning in school following the remote education that has taken place since January. Teachers will be continuing to teach the remaining content of qualifications to ensure students are fully prepared for the next stage in their education. It is absolutely vital that students continue to attend school and engage with all lessons and homework fully.

Ofqual and the Department for Education have now published their decisions about how students' grades will be awarded, which will be through a Teacher Assessment Grade. The key points of the consultation for GCSE/A-Level and Vocational qualifications can be found in the [student and parent guidance](#) section on the Windsor Academy Trust website. This also contains a timeline that all schools are expected to keep to, concluding with all Teacher Assessment Grades being submitted on the 18th June. Results days will be earlier than normal this year. GCSE results will be released on Thursday 12th August. The full guidance for the awarding of exam grades can be accessed [here](#).

We are still awaiting further guidance from exam boards around awarding grades but in the meantime we know it will be important for students to begin to have opportunities to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and understanding they have gained in their qualifications. We are therefore planning assessments and opportunities for Year 11 students that will help students to show what they are capable of and help inform, alongside other pieces of evidence, the grade they are awarded. In the weeks commencing 15th March and 22nd March students will complete assessments in lessons as one such opportunity. After Easter we will continue to provide further opportunities for this as their grade will not rest solely on a final examination.

The conditions under which these assessments will be sat will not replicate the usual exam protocols. For example, they will take place in classrooms and support materials and revision lists may be provided in advance so students can focus their preparation for them. These measures are intended to mitigate the disruption to students' learning over the past year and allow them to really show what they know.

Hall Lane
Great Wyrley
Staffordshire
WS6 6LQ

Tel: 01922 419311

Email:
info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Website:
greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Twitter: @wyrleyacademy

Company registration no: 07523436
Place of registration: England



I will continue to keep you informed as we get more information about the awarding of grades and in the meantime I would like to reassure you that the school will continue to do everything we can to support students through this next stage.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Moreton', written in a cursive style.

Ian Moreton
Headteacher