



Turves Green Boys' School

10<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the last few weeks before half term, Year 11 pupils are continuing with the work and assessments that will form the evidence base for awarding their qualifications this year in the absence of examinations. The assessments they complete in controlled conditions in classrooms this term and previously, including those provided by the exam boards, will be used to calculate an overall grade, taking into account other information such as the results from the Mock examinations taken last November. This process will be completed by the 28<sup>th</sup> May. I have been impressed with the mature approach that pupils have displayed in approaching the last few weeks of Year 11 and it is vital that this continues in the same vein going forward.

The final Teacher Assessed Grade is awarded solely based on work produced by pupils, in areas of each subject that have been taught. A grade that is based on a predicted trajectory or target grade is not permitted and we are bound by strict internal and external quality assurance procedures to ensure that the grades assigned to pupils are a fair, valid and a reliable reflection on the assessed evidence available for each pupil. These systems have been put into place to ensure that it should be no easier or more difficult for a pupil to achieve a grade this year than in previous years.

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) have made it clear that staff are not allowed to discuss grades with pupils or parents/carers and in line with guidance, any attempts by pupils or parents/carers to try to influence grade decisions by applying pressure will be reported as malpractice to the appropriate bodies.

Full information for parents from JCQ can be found via the following link: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

All grades for each subject will be calculated by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, followed by a period of internal checking and quality assurance before being submitted to the boards by the 18<sup>th</sup> June. Teacher Assessed Grades will then be quality assured by JCQ before being made available to pupils on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Pupils are welcome to come into school and collect their results between 10.00am – 11.30am, following Covid restrictions in place at that time. Mr Tehan will also be available to provide any further advice and support required regarding Post 16 placements.

Those pupils who wish to receive their results by post must supply Mrs Lynch, Examinations Officer, with a stamped addressed envelope. Parents and Carers are only able to collect results if they have written consent from their son. Actual examination certificates, which do not come into school for some time, will be presented at a Certificate Evening later in the year for which details will be posted to you nearer to the time.

On behalf of the staff and Governing Board of the school, I would like to take this opportunity to wish your son all the very best in his future career. I would also like to thank you as parents for the support you have given the school throughout your son's education at Turves Green Boys' School.

Yours faithfully

Mr Till  
Headteacher

