



26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Year 11 students

As you are aware the 2021 summer exams have been cancelled.

We told you we would keep you informed of updates about how grades will be decided, as and when these updates occur. Please find below a summary of the current proposals, which are out to consultation. These give broad indication of what we might expect:

- Students continue with their education during this academic year.
- In summer 2021 grades will be based on their teachers' assessment of the standard at which the student is performing.
- Exam boards should make available **a set of papers**, which teachers use as part of the assessment.
- The final teacher assessment will be made towards the end of the academic year, at about the time students would have taken their exams. **Students would be assessed by their teachers in a period beginning in May into early June.**
- Teachers should draw on a range of broader evidence of a student's work in making their final assessment.
- Where it is part of the existing qualification, **teachers will continue to assess any non-exam assessment** that a student has undertaken.
- Teachers should submit grades to the exam boards by mid-June
- External quality assurance by the exam boards will be ongoing throughout June
- Results would be issued to students once the quality assurance process is complete, most likely in early July
- All students should be able to appeal their grade-appeals could be submitted immediately following the issue of results and would first be considered by schools and colleges

So, although exams are cancelled, and the process for teachers is quite different, the experience for many students may **feel very much like that of taking exams**. There is the additional 'safety net' of using evidence that has been gathered over the year, if this is deemed necessary.

What is **crucial** for now is that you **attend all online live lessons and complete all work** during lockdown. This will go a long way to providing the strong evidence base we need to make accurate assessment.

So, please understand, although we like you all very much, and we want you all to do really well in your exams, none of the assessment grades are based on our opinion of you!

Your exam results will be based on the **evidence** that you give us in the coming months, and in the **final assessments in May/June**.

Now is the also the time to think carefully about your post 16 choices, if you have not yet met with Mrs Robinson for your meeting, make an appointment via [careers@sandhillview.com](mailto:careers@sandhillview.com) .

We will continue to keep you updated as more information is released.

Yours sincerely

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