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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

Year 11 December Examination Results and Parents' Evening

With the recent announcement that it will not be fair for externally-assessed examinations to continue this summer, the Government will undertake a short period of consultation with teachers and education professionals about the best means of awarding final grades in 2021. This applies equally to GCSEs and vocational courses. Whatever the final decision, it will certainly be the case that there will need to be a wide range of assessment data considered by our staff before submitting final grades to the examination boards.

December Examination Results

We are pleased that the results from the December examinations are now available on the Parent and Student Portal [here](#). We hope that they assist your son/ward in identifying gaps in knowledge and understanding and that this will help him to plan further learning and revision.

However well your child has performed in these examinations, it is important that they realise that these assessments are just one piece of evidence that will be considered in the award of final grades. Every year our best students use these assessments to plan their work for the remainder of the course, with the intention of making improvements and maximising attainment. So, the most important message for all of our students is that they must remain fully engaged in their learning if they are to gain deserved grades this summer.

We recommend that students now complete and submit their application for the Sixth Form, using these December results as a guide. If any advice is needed, they can contact Mr Gaskell (Pastoral Leader for Year 11) or Mr Doyle (Head of Sixth Form).

Year 11 Parents' Evening

We are currently planning an online Parents' Evening where you will be able to receive subject-specific feedback from the class teachers. We are trialling this with Year 13 parents/carers next week and as soon as this has been completed, and subject to its success, we will communicate further on the date for the Year 11 Parents Evening.

In the meantime, please keep encouraging your son/ward to maintain the work at home.

Stay well!

Yours sincerely,



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