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Dear Parent/Carer and Year 11 Students

I hope my letter finds you and your family safe and well. As we enter our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of lockdown, I would like to thank all Year 11 students who are engaging in their live online lessons.

It is essential that all students, especially those in Year 11, attend every session and complete the work set for them. Teachers are continuing to teach the remaining content from their GCSE courses which will be assessed in order for us to award final grades.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January, Ofqual and the Department for Education (DfE) opened their consultation on how GCSE grades should be awarded in summer 2021. Through this consultation, Ofqual and the DfE want to hear the views of students who were due to take their exams, their parents and carers along with their teachers. The consultation sets out proposals for assessments and how they may be conducted in schools.

As you will see from the consultation document, whilst external exams this year are cancelled, assessments in school will take place to help us determine grades. Please use this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021> to enable you to respond to the consultation.

The consultation closes on 29<sup>th</sup> January and I will be back in touch shortly afterwards with an update of the arrangements we will put in place.

In the meantime, please, continue to attend all of your lessons and strive to hand in work that is your very best. If you have any queries or would like to discuss this further, please contact me via the school office.

Yours Sincerely



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