



Thursday 11 March 2021

Dear Parent & Pupil

The Department of Education has confirmed that pupils in **Senior School, Year 12- Year 14** will return on Monday 22 March, for face-to-face teaching. Pupils will break for the Easter Holiday from Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April, with a return on Monday 12 April.

Updated restart guidance will follow in due course.

Centre Determined Grades

On Monday 22 March Senior Pupils will follow a transition timetable for one week to maximise opportunity for face-to-face teaching with their staff. Following the Easter Holiday normal timetable will resume.

We have been considering and planning the way forward for Centre Determined Grades. Staff will be using approximately four to five sources of evidence in every subject to indicate the standard at which pupils are performing, evidence will be based on the content covered. This will include submitted tasks, pieces of coursework, assignments, previous tracks and exams including the use of assessment tools when pupils return. The key will be to gather evidence from a variety of sources to support flexibility and provide a range of choice that is manageable and which best reflects the standard of performance for each pupil.

Year 12

Pupils in Year 12 will have an assessment window from 19 April 2021 – 14 May 2021 during which, an assessment tool (maximum of two per subject) will be used to provide one or two of the evidence points to support a Centre Determined Grade. Staff will inform pupils in more detail upon their return.

To give pupils in Year 12 the best opportunity, these assessment windows will be carefully managed by our examination officers, avoiding multiple assessments on any given day allowing pupils to optimise their outcomes.

Year 13 & Year 14

Pupils in Year 13 & Year 14 following AS and A2 courses will have an assessment window from 12 April 2021 – 5 May 2021 during which, an assessment tool will be used to provide one or two of the evidence points to support a Centre Determined Grade. Staff will inform pupils in more detail upon their return.

Pupils in Year 13 & Year 14 following BTEC courses: Qualification-level Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). We are awaiting the release of further information but it is most likely that the evidence points will be assignment based.



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To give pupils in Year 13 & 14 the best opportunity, these assessment windows will be carefully managed by our examination officers, avoiding multiple assessments on any given day allowing pupils to optimise their outcomes.

In the interim, pupils should continue to engage with google classrooms and attend all live session.

Take Care and Stay Safe!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niall Oliver', is written above the printed name.

Niall Oliver
Principal