

08 January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: January Examinations/Remote Learning & GCSE Grades/Mock Exam Results

This week the government outlined initial details of how grades will be awarded to students taking GCSEs this summer. No doubt there will be further developments as we progress towards the end of this academic year, but at this stage I wanted to assure you that we are doing all we can to ensure all students receive a set of qualifications which will allow them to move forward with the next steps in their education, training or employment. This week has seen a number of key developments and we wanted to communicate some key issues with you.

January Examinations

For your information, the decision has been taken to withdraw all students from any scheduled examinations in January. Therefore, if your child was expecting to sit an examination in OCR National Sport Science this **will not** go ahead. You can be confident this will have no impact upon final grades and exam boards have assured us that no child will be disadvantaged as a result.

Remote Learning and GCSE Grades – Summer 2021

I would urge you to ensure that your child is accessing remote learning from home during this period of lockdown. This will be a critical part of the judgement-forming process for student grades in the summer. It is now highly likely we will be using teacher assessments which will be based on evidence from a range of sources linked to in-school performance. Engagement with all aspects of remote learning (live lessons, Hegarty Maths, GCSEPod etc), will be one element, with other elements likely to be further assessments/internal examinations being issued upon our return to school. As ever, we will do all we can to support students, but I must stress that engagement during this period of lockdown is essential. If you require support with ICT please do not hesitate to contact us by email via info@valeacademy.org.uk.

Mock Exam Results and January Report

Your child's mock examination results and January report will be sent out on Friday 15 January as scheduled. We also intend to hold Year 11 Parents' Evening later this month. As you would expect, this will be held remotely and we will send out further details next week.

I also intend to hold a Year 11 assembly next week to update students. An invite will be sent to your child via Microsoft Teams on Monday 11 January.

I hope this gives answers to some of the questions you may have at this stage. As soon as further updates are available, we will contact you. Although the circumstances this year may be different, we will do all we can to ensure that everyone achieves the grades needed for their next steps in life, and we look forward to celebrating success together at the very earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Williams', with a small flourish at the end.

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