

# TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, this year students will be awarded grades for their qualifications which are 'Teacher Assessed Grades' (TAGs).

These grades will be an objective judgement by teachers about the knowledge, skills and abilities of each student in relation to the subject content that they have been taught.

Schools have until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June to make the decisions about each of these grades, for both Year 11 and Sixth Form students.

The grades need to be based on evidence – from work that students have completed. The evidence used can be from any point over the course of study. Teachers need to be confident that any work used as evidence is the work of the student alone.

We have a broad base of evidence from the Year 11 mock examinations which students sat before Christmas. However, at the time there was no indication that these marks might be used for the awarding of grades for GCSE or vocational courses. We know that for some students these mock exam marks will not be the best assessment of their potential in a particular subject.

To get a full range of evidence and to give all students a fair chance to be awarded the best possible grades, we are setting a range of assessments over the next half term. Your child will have a timetable with the schedule of these assessments, and has had time with their form teacher to explain the process. Subject teachers have explained to their students which topics will be in each assessment, so that they can fully prepare.

I have included an infographic from the exams regulator OFQUAL which should help you understand the process and timescales. Please note that the results days are earlier than normal this year.

For students in Year 11 the results will be released on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. We will send you more details about how these should be collected and how to enrol in the Sixth Form nearer the time.

We will be keeping you informed by sending a 'TAG Update' each Friday by email. These will start on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and will also be uploaded onto our website.

If you have any further questions, I will be happy to answer them if you contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Johnson'.

Mr M Johnson  
Director of Studies

