

Dear Parents / Carers

You may be aware that we are currently in a consultation period regarding how schools will be expected to arrive at their Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) for Years 13 and 11 this summer.

Once the consultation is over and we receive clear information, we will make plans and wherever possible share them with you. It is to be expected that many students (and their parents!) are unsettled by the lack of clarity, but please reassure them that the school will act in a way that makes the process fair, and that we always have our students' best interests at heart.

Although this will be confirmed, I think it is reasonable to assume the process will have to include assessments, and some of these will need to be quite formal. Be reassured that any such assessments will be carried out under conditions required to make them safe. What we can also assume quite reasonably at this point, is that students will not have to undergo the highly pressured extended exam series as it would have been in its usual form, which will be a relief to some as well as a disappointment to others.

For now your child needs to keep engaging with their online lessons, and be patient whilst we wait to find out more. Also, we still have several months of work to cover and it is vital that we complete courses fully, so that there are no gaps in any student's knowledge, so they are fully prepared for their next steps.

I will keep you updated.

Tim Gibbs