



The Arnewood School

11-19 Academy

Working Together - Shaping Tomorrow

24th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: GCSE qualifications 2021

As you are aware, all students in Year 11 this year will be given grades based on school based assessments. This letter is to let you know how this process will work, and to thank you for your patience while we have worked through the OfQual guidance.

Our aim is to provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their ability in their GCSE subjects that is robust and fair. This will be done by collating previous grades as well as evidence from future assessment opportunities to form an overall judgement. The evidence we use will be from carefully selected assessments that all students have had an opportunity to complete and which meet the criteria given to us by OfQual. This work may include mock examinations, in-class assessments, coursework (NEA) or exam board provided assessment materials. All evidence will then be moderated carefully to ensure the marking has been applied consistently to each student, which may lead to slight alterations to grades previously reported.

We will conduct assessments after Easter, from 22nd March to 21st May. These will all be around 40 minutes in length, and will be conducted in normal classrooms. We know that our students will be keen to do well in these assessments as they will allow them to demonstrate the progress they have made since Christmas. To help students get the best possible grade we have provided the date of all assessments on our website, along with the period of the day they will be sat. We will also list the content of each assessment, as well as provide resources to support with revision. All of this can be found at the link below. Please note that this is a complex process, and although all assessment dates will be listed, some subjects may not yet have had an opportunity to upload the detail of each assessment to the website. Our aim is to complete this by Easter.

Where students have exam access arrangements (EAA) they will have been applied to mock examinations, and will be applied to all further assessments conducted after Easter.

For further information on the assessment process, when the assessments will be sat and what they contain, please visit the following page - <https://arnewood.fireflycloud.net/parent-info/key-stage-4---centre-assessed-grades>.

We hope that you will find the process easy to understand and transparent, but most importantly supportive for both you and your child. Please rest assured that we have the best interests of all of our students at Arnewood at heart, and will support them through every step of the process.

However, should you have any questions please do contact me at j.hutson@arnewood.hants.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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