



Clitheroe Royal Grammar School

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Dear Parent / Carer and Student

We are delighted to have welcomed all students back to face-to-face lessons and we continue to be extremely impressed by the maturity and resilience displayed by Year 13. We understand that this is a time of great uncertainty and anxiety for many students. We are doing our very best to work to finalise plans for assessment this academic year, following the publication of the DfE / Ofqual's consultation findings at the end of last month, as we understand the need for clarity for students as soon as possible. We are still waiting for further information and guidance from the Awarding Bodies, but we are not expecting this before the end of the month.

As we have explained to students this week, it is important for us to develop a system which is fair, transparent and gives all students an opportunity to show what they can do. We have taken the opportunity to consult with a range of stakeholders, including the Student Leadership Team, Governing Body and Heads of Learning. We have also been liaising with other centres through local and other professional networks.

We are currently able to confirm the following regarding the awarding of A Level grades this summer.

- As per the guidance, we will be assessing student performance based only on the content we have been able to deliver and we will be using a broad range of evidence from throughout the course to inform the awarding of grades.
- We will be considering student performance across the whole A Level course as outlined in the booklet attached.
- Year 13 students will sit Summer Assessments during the period **4th May – 12th May inclusive**. Most of these assessments will be 2 hours per subject, and, in order to ensure fairness as we have such a large number of teaching groups, these assessments will take place all at the same time. We will publish the specific dates of the assessments as soon as possible. Any student who usually has Access Arrangements in place (e.g. extra time, use of a laptop etc) will have these arrangements confirmed ahead of the assessments. Between 4th -12th May, students need only attend for their assessments, but may use the Library to study.
- In subjects where NEAs (Non-Examined Assessments) take place, these will be weighted to the same percentage as is usual in the specification. For example, in English Language, English Literature, Geography and History, NEAs will continue to constitute 20% of the mark. These will be marked according to the normal mark scheme, but we will take into account the circumstances under which they were undertaken.
- Typically, no new content will be delivered after Easter. This will allow time and space for students and teachers to focus on preparation for the assessments.
- It is our intention to be able to publish definitive revision or "Study Lists" for these subjects before the end of next week. We understand how important this information is to students, but we have been delayed waiting for further details from the Awarding Bodies.
- We will not be issuing Interim Grades to students this month but Year 13 Parents Evening will take place as calendared. Further information is provided below.
- A Level Results Day will be 10th August 2021.

A short video will be shared with students on Tuesday during their Guidance period to ensure that all students are aware of these arrangements. We will also ensure that parents / carers have access to this video too.

Unfortunately, we are unable to confirm the date when Year 13 will no longer be required to attend Sixth Form. This is because we have been instructed to wait for further DfE clarification on this matter and as soon as we receive this information, we will inform students and parents of the relevant dates.

Parents Evening Tuesday 23rd March

This will take place via Teams and operate in the same way as the previous Parents Evening. It is scheduled to run from 4.30pm to 7.00pm. However, some teachers may not start appointments until 5.00pm, but will offer them until 7.30pm if that is the case.

Your son / daughter should make an appointment with their teachers, so it is important that they are aware of your availability on that evening. For the system to work smoothly, it is important that everyone keeps exactly to the times arranged. At the time of your appointment, the teacher will video call your son / daughter via the school Teams account. Teachers will begin making appointments with students next week.

Thank you for all your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



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