

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 11 Students,

8th January 2021

Following the announcement from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson,

“The Secretary of State confirmed that we will not be asking students to sit SATs, GCSEs and A and AS Level exams this summer. Together with Ofqual, we will consult next week on how to fairly award all pupils with a grade to ensure they can progress to the next stage of their lives.”

there will be no examinations for you in 2021.

This is not something we have not dealt with in the past as this also happened last year. You should therefore be confident that your teachers will ensure that the grade you are awarded truly reflects the one you would most likely receive if you sat your exams.

We are still unsure as to the evidence that the Department for Education and Ofqual will require from us as educators in coming to the grades we submit. Our Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) will be made up of a series of assessments, tests, work completed, approach to learning and study, mini tests and exams held internally and mock GCSE exams, which we intend to complete once we return to normal. Everything that you have done during your GCSE years will be considered, as will everything you do from now on.

It is more vital than ever that all Year 11 students fully engage in the online lessons being delivered through Microsoft Teams and the MyTutor online programmes in English, Maths and Science. All work that is set must be completed to the best of your ability and preparation for mock exams is done rigorously.

We know our students very well indeed and what each one can achieve; however, Ofqual and exam boards do not, so we need to make sure that we have enough evidence to support our assessment and predictions.

Our students will get the grades they deserve and have worked for. The results they achieve in the Summer will be down to the effort and attitude they have already displayed and how they approach this very uncertain time in their educational lives. We do not want any student at Lacon Childe School to be disappointed in their grades or feel they could have done better. The ball is very firmly in their court.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if there is an issue arising from this letter. We hope to be back in school as quickly as possible and continue providing the education our students need and deserve.

Take care and stay healthy.

Regards,

Darren Reynolds : Headteacher