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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

Year 11 are settling back into school life well. We have been so impressed with how they have set such a mature and calm example to other year groups when COVID testing.

Now students have returned safely and have had a full 'back to school' induction, our attention is turning to their end of Key Stage 4 (GCSE and Vocational) awards and grading.

We have already explained the below to your child and would like to take this opportunity to offer some information about the assessment process to you as parents and carers:

### **How will my child be awarded their grade?**

- Schools will use a broad range of evidence to determine a grade
- This evidence will be collated together and a grade determined from this
- This can include work from the beginning of the Key Stage 4 course, right up to the end of May
- We will only use work where the content has been taught

### **What will count as 'evidence'?**

Work that has been done, independently, by the student and can include:

- December PPEs
- In class assessments
- Lockdown work / classwork that has been done independently
- Any NEA (coursework), even if it's incomplete
- 'Just Check' May assessments

### **What are the 'Just Check' May assessments?**

- We want to give students as many opportunities to shine as we gather the evidence
- As such, there will be a range of in class assessments this term
- The final chance to shine will be in 'Just Check' assessments from 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021
- These will run as formal assessments in most subjects
- These assessments will make up **a part (but not all)** of our evidence

### **What is school doing to support my child through this process?**

- Students have been diagnostically assessed this week so we know how to support their learning and where their knowledge gaps are
- All students are invited to extra English revision on a Tuesday; extra Maths revision on a Wednesday; and extra Science revision on a Thursday
- Staffed study rooms are available to all Year 11 from Monday – Thursday 3.00pm – 4.00pm
- Some students will be asked to attend intervention in tutor time; lunch time; or after school in a range of subjects
- The well-being of our students is our priority and there is a huge amount of pastoral support available for our students. Please liaise with the Head of Year, Ms. Ollerenshaw, for more information

### **When will my child receive their grade and how will I know it's accurate?**

- The students will receive their grades on results day, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August
- Whilst teachers may feedback some of the assessments, these grades won't necessarily be the final grade awarded (one piece is not indicative of the whole GCSE, and it won't have gone through the moderation processes yet)
- The final grades will be accurate – NT teachers have a strong record of forecasting and marking accurately
- Evidence gathered will be moderated by a range of teachers, including those from another school, and often by professional examiners. The core 'Just Check' May finals will be anonymised, so that teachers will not know whose script they are marking – yet another way to ensure completely accurate and unbiased results

Please continue to support your child in any way you can. They will need to attend every day; go to any interventions asked of them; and revise for any in class tests and their 'Just Check' May assessments. Please see this link for revision resources to help:

<https://newquaytretherras.sharepoint.com/sites/O365StudentShared/SitePages/SORT-Your-Revision.aspx>

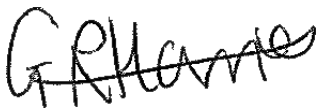
We will be adding to this revision resource over the next few weeks.

Ultimately, we will ensure that your child will get the grades they would have achieved had they been sitting their Exams in any other year. We'd like to reiterate how rigorous our processes are that will ensure accurate grades, based on evidence moderated by examiners and external professionals. For a more detailed understanding of these processes, please see the presentation 'Year 11 Summer Awards' found on the website, under the Summer Assessment tab: <https://tretherras.net/summer-assessment/>

Thank you for all you are doing to support us. Year 11 deserve to succeed and we will do all we can to ensure this year group end their school life with smiles, great memories, and with confidence for their next chapter.

Good luck Year 11 – we have every faith in you.

Yours sincerely



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