



3rd March 2021

To: Parents of Students in Year 13

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 Parents' Evening and May Assessments Information

I hope that you and your family are all safe and well.

I am writing with regard to the Year 13 Parents' Evening which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 23rd March. **This has now been re-arranged to take place on Tuesday 27th April from 4.15-7.15pm.** This decision has been made in order to give Year 13 students an opportunity to settle back into face-to-face teaching, to re-engage with their teachers and to have completed the internal assessments that will be taking place during week commencing 15th March.

By re-scheduling to 27th April, teachers will have an opportunity to discuss the preparation that will be required for the May assessments. I can now confirm that **these assessments will be taking place during the weeks commencing 3rd and 10th May 2021.** Teachers will inform classes of the format for these assessments.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank parents for not contacting teaching staff regarding their child's grades. Whilst we appreciate this is an anxious time for students and parents, as I stated in my COVID Update 12 letter (25th February 2021), the teacher assessment process is robust and evidence-based. Under government guidance, teaching staff are not permitted to discuss with parents any grades that will be submitted by the centre for your child (including at the Parents' Evening on 27th April). The DfE guidance advises that teachers should determine those grades as late in the academic year as possible, and following submission of those grades, there will be a strict internal moderation process with Senior Staff before the Headteacher can sign a declaration that the requirements for internal quality assurance have been met. The grades will be submitted to the exam boards on 18th June and, to preserve the integrity of the process, this will be protected information until A Level Results Day on Tuesday 10th August.

As I highlighted in COVID Update 12, the evidential process upon which grades will be awarded will include:

- Records of each student's performance over the course of study, including for example progress review data, classwork, bookwork, and/or participation in performances in subjects such as Music, Drama and PE
- Performance in any non-exam assessment (NEA). It is our expectation that students will continue to work on NEAs under the guidance of their teachers and Heads of Department
- Performance in classwork, homework, internal assessments taken over the course of study
- Previous results attained by former cohorts at Prince Henry's in each subject
- The performance of this year's students compared to those in previous years
- Any other relevant information

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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