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Dear Parent/Carer

I'm writing to you, prior to the Easter break, with some additional information regarding the awarding of grades for your child.

During what has been a difficult year, our students have worked extremely hard both remotely and since returning to the Academy and we are determined to support them in achieving the grades that they deserve this summer.

Due to the cancellation of formal examinations this year, students will receive grades instead based on the work that they are completing in school. The grades that your child will receive will be based upon evidence that they have produced during their courses and this will only be selected from material that they have been taught.

During the next half term your child will continue to learn and complete mini-assessments. These mini-assessments, along with other pieces of information, will be used to support teachers in their awarding of grades. For this reason, it is important that your child prepares well for each assessment. The majority of assessments will take place, as they do now, during the normal course of lessons. In some cases, your child will be informed of particular assessments in advance to allow them to prepare.

The process of gathering this evidence should be completed by the summer half term but it is possible in some cases that your child may be asked to complete some assessments after half term. We will inform you if this is to be the case.

I would like to reassure you that teachers and Subject Leaders will be issuing grades through a robust process aligned to standards set by the awarding bodies. These will be quality assured both within the Academy and across the Trust.

If your child has missed part of the curriculum due to Covid-19 isolation or other reasons, this will be taken into account when the final grades are submitted. I have included a link to the most recent Joint Council for Qualifications guidance for your reference.

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions at this point.

Yours faithfully

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