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Tuesday 18th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer and Students,

Further information regarding Teacher Assessed Grades 2020 2021

As you will be aware from previous communications from Oasis Community Learning and the Academy, grades for GCSE qualifications this year are called 'Teacher Assessed Grades'. However, this does not simply mean that teachers are able to decide grades. Detailed guidance has been put in place for how decisions over grading are to be arrived at and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the detailed guidance that has been given to us by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) which we must follow (<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/JCQ-Guidance-on-the-Determination-of-Grades-for-A-AS-Levels-and-GCSEs-Summer-2021.pdf>). The JCQ have also published an updated guide for Students (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/986351/21-6780_Student_guide_to_awarding_in_summer_2021_-_accessible.pdf) which may help you understand the approach further.

As stated in previous letters, the approach for this academic year has been carefully designed to make grading as fair as possible in these unique circumstances. In order to grade Year 11 students this year teachers have been asked to make a holistic judgement of each student's performance, based on a range of evidence relating to each qualification specification and the content that has been taught. The overall grade is then decided based on the 'best fit' for the evidence that has been selected using grade descriptors provided by exam boards. There is no specific formula or grade boundary for deciding this overall grade but it should be the grade that best reflects the work overall. Teachers have also received special training given by the academy, Oasis Community Learning and the exam boards themselves to make sure that work is graded accurately and fairly.

We would like to direct you to the academy website, where you can find a comprehensive overview of the sources of evidence that are being used to determine the Teacher Assessed Grades for each subject [Evidence List for Year 11 Teacher Assessed Grades 2020-2021.pdf](#) ([oasisacademywintringham.org](https://www.oasisacademywintringham.org)). In a normal year there is a process to follow if you have been affected by severe personal circumstances during your exams called 'Special Consideration'.

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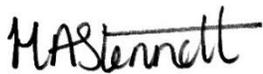
As there are no exams this year, there is no such process but if you believe your child's performance while completing any of the evidence submitted was affected by mitigating factors such as bereavement of a close relative or serious illness etc. please make the academy aware via oaw.admin@oasiswintringham.org. **Please make sure that you have contacted us by Friday 21st May at the very latest.** The academy will then be able to use guidance provided by the JCQ to potentially make a small adjustment to affected evidence or use alternative evidence, if this is deemed appropriate.

Unfortunately, staff are unable to give an indication of what the final grade awarded to students is likely to be. Whilst individual scores or assessment grades can be shared, these should not be taken as an indication of the final grade. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind both parents/carers and students that staff should not be asked for this information, as to do so would constitute malpractice and could lead to a delay in results being issued to individual students in August.

We are very proud of the commitment that Year 11 students have shown throughout this academic year and appreciate that this continues to be a unique and potentially worrying process for students to have to navigate. Please remember that the pastoral team and teaching staff are available to support students through this time.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 pastoral team.

Yours sincerely

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Ms H Stennett
Principal