



Year 13 Exam Update

15th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well. Our expectations regarding online learning have developed since the first lockdown, initial feedback from parents and carers has been very positive. Please continue to give us any feedback to help us to continue to improve our provision for your daughter. Year 13 have responded really well to the new remote learning and we are delighted with their engagement, attendance and fantastic effort.

Further to my previous letter to you, I wanted to clarify the current position regarding the awarding of grades as a result of the cancellation of A level examinations this summer. We are still awaiting further guidance, but I wanted to take this opportunity to commend all the Year 13 students for continuing to work hard despite these frustrations. The final grades will be based on teacher assessments which is really encouraging. This is now a chance for the girls to continue to work hard and apply themselves fully, it is their time to shine! All teachers are here to support Year 13 in all their lessons and within the pastoral system too.

Following discussions with some Year 13 students, I just wanted to clarify the following:

- Students who have applied for UCAS have been given predicted grades. These were given prior to us going into another lockdown. These are not necessarily the final grades that we will submit in the summer.
- Guidance from the Government is changing on a daily basis; we will respond to this and ensure that we communicate what we are doing to support Year 13.
- It is therefore essential that students continue to do the following:
 1. Attend all lessons, online and when back in school.
 2. Complete of all classwork and coursework that is set.
 3. Complete of all homework tasks set.
 4. Continue to work to deadlines that are set.
 5. Staff will not share grades with students. It is not appropriate for students to continue to ask their teachers what their grades are at this current time.

If students have IT issues and are not attending lessons, please contact me as a matter of urgency and they will have the opportunity to work in school. We have a record of all attendance to lessons and want to ensure that all students are all able to access lessons, which are all on MS teams for Year 13.

Kind regards
Mrs Norman