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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Teacher Assessed Grades May Update

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. Year 11 have now completed their mock examinations which means that our evidence collection phase is nearly at an end. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11 students on how they have conducted themselves in their examinations and in their lessons during this difficult and challenging time.

Teachers are now preparing to assign teacher assessed grades for each subject that your son / daughter has taken.

We are closely following the guidance provided by Ofqual and JCQ which stipulates that a teacher assessed grade needs to be determined from a broad range of evidence which is then compared to a series of grade descriptors and exemplar material provided by the exam board.

In order to provide you with clear and concise information regarding this next phase, I have prepared a recorded video to explain the process we will be following. The link is below.

https://video.wixstatic.com/video/68dba1_b3a3e141628d4786977d3ac6eb69025c/720p/mp4/file.mp4

Ofqual have also produced a detailed student guide to awarding GCSEs in the summer of 2021. This guide is very useful as it will clarify queries that you may have and also provide more detail as to the approach we are following. The link is below.

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Some students may be asked to undertake additional assessments in order to provide further evidence to secure a grade decision. They will be spoken to by their class teacher with information as to when this will take place.

I hope this letter and the video reassures you of our robust processes. If you have any questions, concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school. We have created a direct email for teacher assessed grades enquiries (tag@pilton.college) This email will be reviewed daily and any queries passed to an appropriate person to respond.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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