

# ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## WEST CUMBRIA CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to keep you up to date with how grades will be awarded to Year 11 and Year 13 students.

Firstly, it is extremely important to reiterate that grades WILL NOT be awarded simply on the result of the mock examination. It is a requirement of the exam boards that we have a range of evidence. This includes classwork, homework and assessments carried out in class in addition to the mock exams.

I have asked the Heads of Department in each subject to ensure that the mock examinations only assess the work that students have been taught. Therefore, they will be making adaptations to the content of the exams to ensure that they are fair. In addition, I have also asked them to guide the students as to what themes are covered in the exams. Please note, that this does not mean that students will be told specifically what is in the exam, rather they will be guided as to the broad themes of the exam. Each department will be sending this information out to students in the next week. It is important to appreciate that subjects will be different in their approach to this, as it depends upon how the subject is structured. For example, Mathematics is very different from English Literature.

We are determined that no student should be disadvantaged by the Covid situation. Equally, we are also determined that the grades students are awarded are a fair reflection of the work they are doing and have done.

We are aware of the enormous strain that this situation puts on our students. During the coming months and weeks, our Tutors, Learning Mentors and Heads of Year will ensure that students have access to pastoral support as well as academic support, should they feel they need it.

The Government is yet to confirm the date for when Year 11 and 13 students will leave school. Whilst we believe that this date is likely to be Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, if we require further evidence from individual students, we may need to ask them to attend school up to Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, which is the date we need to submit our grades and evidence to the exam boards. Please be mindful of this when making any family arrangements for after the May half term.

Results days are on the following dates and we will send out further information about this next term:

- Year 13 – Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August
- Year 11 – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> August

Lastly, please continue to help us to help your children by reiterating the importance of these last few weeks in school. The work that your children are producing during this time, the tests and assessments that they are completing and the references that we will be writing are crucial. These next few weeks are in many ways the gateway to their future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Jackson  
Head Teacher

