



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Year 13 Parents and Carers

I am writing to you with further details regarding our Year 13 assessments in the coming weeks. Following the cancellation of this summer's formal examination series, the aim of the school has been to conduct an assessment process which culminates in the awarding of grades which are fair, accurate and objective.

Students have received regular feedback throughout the course regarding both their current working grade as well as their predicted grade in each subject. This information has come from ongoing assessments as well as student performance in various mock exams. These reports have given a good indication of pupil progress as they head towards the end of their time with us. However, please do remember that progress is not always linear in every case.

Centre-Based Assessments

Students will continue their programme of assessment for the next few weeks up until their leaving date in June. From 17 May, students will begin to take "Centre-based assessments" in the form of exam-style questions in lessons. The exam boards have provided us with a number of questions which our teachers have been able to choose from. These questions will be set as a series of 'mini tests' which will be undertaken in test conditions as a part of students' usual lessons until their leaving date.

Students should feel confident and supported through this period of testing as questions have been selected to ensure students are given every opportunity to perform. Teachers will 'walk through' similar questions and provide clear guidance and strategies for students. We are determined to give students the best possible chance of achieving their target grade. These questions will then be marked and moderated in school.

Final Grades

All data from students' Centre-based Assessments, mock examinations and continuous assessment will be used to form our Teacher Assessed Grade. A reminder that results will be available to be collected from school on 10 August 2021 from 9.00am – 11.00am.

If you would prefer results to be posted, please contact Mrs Stears, our Exams Officer, and bring a stamped self-addressed envelope to school reception by 22 July.

If you have any questions following this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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