



# Awarding Grades 2021

A presentation for families & students



Progression  
Recognition

“Pupils are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage of their education or employment.”

Ofsted Report, September 2017

## What are the principles?



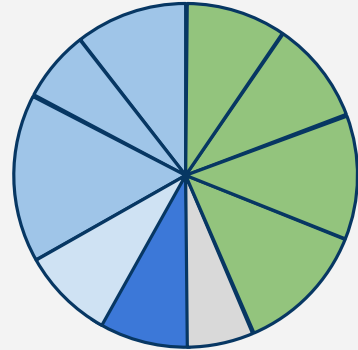
Based on what has been taught

Using a range of evidence

Judgements are made by schools

Carefully checked

- Most assessments from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Take place in classrooms during lessons
- Attend until May Half term,  
Unless we need further evidence
- Submitted on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Results on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August



## How are grades decided?



Evidence considered

Comparisons made

- In school
- To other years
- To other schools

Fresh evidence window

Final judgements made, a holistic view

Positivity  
Honesty

# What evidence is used?



Consideration of a range of evidence

**Grade is not determined by any single piece of work**

Already have lots of evidence, for example:

- Year 10 exams from March
- September assessments
- December mocks

Fresh evidence from May

## Types of Evidence

Coursework

Portfolios of work

Practicals

Mock exams & past papers

Internal tests, groups of questions

Work from lessons, at home  
or during test conditions

# When will evidence be collected?



Fresh evidence mainly in 3 week window, during lessons

Mainly from Tuesday 4 May until Friday 22 May

Except, to spread assessments for students

**English** - Inspector Calls questions, Power and Conflict comparison question, Unseen Poetry question - coverage

**Science** - Paper 2 in biology, (chemistry & physics after Easter) could form part of the evidence

**PE** - ongoing coursework for (BTEC),  
Health & Fitness Question (GCSE)

**Maths** - after Easter set of papers

**History** - Anglo Saxon and Norman England question, Medicine question

**Geography** - Water & development question, Retail Change question (P1), Skills Booklet

**Health & Social Care**  
Scenario Section A & B

**Philosophy** - P1 Islamic practices question

Students do not need to do additional preparation except that set by their teachers

Learning support concessions and adaptations will be available

# The Future



The skills developed will support students in the next step in their education

We expect that regular time in school will end just before half term

Yearbook, hoodies, prom and Graduation are all provisionally booked



# What can I do now?



Remember that it is a wide range of evidence that is used

Balance your time, some revision helps

Listen & follow instructions from your teachers

Consider your plans for September

# Support

You are not alone



Tutors and teachers are all available in school and by email to answer your questions.

Heads of House and subject leaders can also provide additional information

Learning support team will also be available for assessments

Learning mentors and the careers team can provide you with support to plan for next year



Positivity, Honesty, Resilience  
Confidence, Respect & Happiness

The fight is won or lost  
far away from witnesses –  
behind the lines, in the gym,  
and out there on the road,  
long before I dance under those lights.

Muhammad Ali