



# FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

Our ref: AWG/SCR

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 11 Internal Assessments 12<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

As you are already aware, the Government has made the decision that this year students will not sit their GCSE exams as usual, but instead they will be given a "Teacher Assessed Grade" (TAG). Teachers will be using a range of evidence to inform their judgement when deciding on a grade in their subject. Some of the evidence will come from Internal Assessments, which will take place between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

The Internal Assessments will allow teachers to make fair, accurate and up-to-date judgements on each student's performance. During the two-week Internal Assessment period, students will still need to attend school in their uniform and arrive before 8:30am each day. When they have an afternoon assessment, they will be allowed to go directly home. Please see the timetable attached with this letter.

Afternoon assessments will start at 1:30pm, therefore students will have an early lunch break starting at 12:30pm.

The assessments will take place in the School Hall. This will mean they will be able to complete their assessments in a calm and quiet environment and when assessments run over the usual lesson change over time, they will not have the inconvenience of having to move classrooms.

After Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, students will have an additional 5 weeks of school where they can produce further evidence to help teachers award the fairest and most accurate grade for each student. **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** will be Year 11s last day as a KS4 student. On this day we will mark the occasion by having a Leaver's Assembly.

We also intend to have a **Year 11 Prom on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. As you can appreciate, organising such an event will rely on lockdown measures being lifted. More on this will follow, but I thought you would like to have the date in your diary.

We are aware this can be a very stressful time for students and we want to ensure all students progress confidently during a time of significant pressure. If you have any concerns about the well-being of your child then please do contact the KS4 pastoral team through the main school number.

Yours sincerely

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