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Re: Information regarding Year 11 examinations

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware the Government has announced that the summer exams will be cancelled. As yet there is not a great deal of information about how students will be awarded a grade, but the Government has indicated that students' grades will fairly reflect the work that students had already put in. Teachers will take into account a large amount of evidence and data, including performance in mock exams and non-exam assessment. This will be used in line with any guidance that Ofqual and the exam boards issue.

At Causeway we have had two sets of mock exams in year 11 and teachers have work that has been submitted as classwork and homework to act as sources of evidence for the students. However, we do not yet know how this is going to be approached or the weighting of any judgement that is to be made. We are waiting for guidance to be given to us. In addition to this, The Government has also indicated that there will also be an opportunity for students to sit an exam early in the next academic year, if students wish to do this.

We will continue to inform you further about the awarding of year 11 exam grades as we receive more information about the process. The Government's aim is to provide the calculated grades before the end of July and to ensure that the distribution of grades follows a similar pattern to that in other years.

At this stage it is no longer necessary for the year 11 students to continue to submit work to support teacher assessed grades. This is because not all students will be able to respond, some will be ill, whilst others have not got the necessary access to online learning. Teachers already have the necessary information from students. However, **students should continue to complete the work set** as they will need to keep studying so that they retain the information for college courses and some students will want to take the exams early in the next academic term. It is good practice for the **year 11 students to keep studying** and is in anticipation of the advice and guidance that we are awaiting from the exam boards.

We do appreciate that this is a very difficult time for the year 11 students who have been working hard towards their summer exams and we have been observing improvements in many students' performance. It is not the most satisfactory end to secondary education, but we will ensure that any outcome will be made adhering to the Ofqual guidance given.

We wish all of our year 11 students good luck for the future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Jenkins



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