

20 April 2021



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Year 11 Parents and Students,

Year 11 Summer Assessments Update

This year teachers are being asked to report the grade that your child is working at based on evidence completed by students. This letter is designed to help your child plan and prepare for any upcoming assessments.

Ofqual and Exam boards have now released more guidance to support the process of awarding grades. This includes the public availability of exam style questions or assessments from 19 April 2021.

Each faculty has used the guidance provided by Ofqual and the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) to design broad assessment activities that will be completed during the summer term. Each faculty has carefully selected topics which allow students to demonstrate their abilities in a consistent, fair and robust manner. The form that this will take will vary between subjects, but this may include Non-Examined Assessments (NEA).

Evidence is to be collected by your teachers, marked in school and moderated in school. We have strict processes in place to ensure all marking is fair and grading judgements are only based on the evidence at hand. The Exam boards will then check our processes and may visit to look at the evidence we have collected. The government has made clear, no student will be disadvantaged by this year's system and at Holderness Academy we will carefully ensure that every student has the best opportunity to be successful.

Further information regarding the process that will be used can be found using the following link:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

We have put together a timeline of important dates where evidence will be collected. This has been designed so that students have multiple opportunities to show off what they can do and maximise their final grade.



19 April – 14 May: Ongoing Assessment

The majority of your lesson time will focus on revision. There is likely to be classroom based assessments taking place in each lesson. The type of assessment that you will do will vary between your subjects however it is likely to include; end of topic assessments, multiple choice questions, extended writing activities, continuation of portfolio work or others. Your teacher will notify you in advance on what these assessments will be. A revision booklet will be issued summarising the assessments that will be used to decide the final grade.

17 – 27 May: Final Assessments

Exams will take place in classrooms. All subjects apart from vocational and other coursework based subjects will have at least one exam. These papers will be adapted so that they reflect the learning that has taken place. An exam timetable will be issued stating when various assessments will take place. **The final day for all Year 11 students will be Thursday 27 May 2021.**

18 June: Centre Assessed Grade Submission

It is important to note that whilst there will be a reduction in the content that you will need to know and apply, the actual qualification has not been made easier. In order to demonstrate that you are working at a Grade 5, for example, you will have to produce evidence that shows that you can do this.

We are confident that staff and students have already collected a great deal of assessment data that can be used over the last two years. Nonetheless, JCQ advice is clear and we do strongly recommend that students listen carefully to their subject teachers in regards to the last set of assessments in order to maximise their chance of success. There are currently strong procedures in place and the Academy is well placed to be able to support all of our students at this time.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



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