

Meopham School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I would like to thank all of you who joined our virtual parents' evening recently, and for the positive feedback many of you have given us. We hope you found the experience as valuable as our staff did. Being able to discuss the skills each individual student needs to focus on to ensure they achieve the best possible grades this summer is an invaluable part of supporting their success.

I would also like to share with you some additional information regarding Year 11 and Year 13. This is an exceptional year for all of us, and therefore we are responding to the Department for Education and exam board guidance as we receive it.

I am sure you are now aware that students' final results for GCSE and A-Level will be determined by Teacher Assessed Grades. The government requires all schools to produce a policy on how they award Teacher Assessed Grades. The policy outlines how our school will ensure that our procedures for grading are fair, objective, consistent and based on evidence produced by the students. A copy of the policy we have submitted is on our website if you wish to read it, 'Centre Policy for awarding GCSE and A-Level Grades Summer 2021'. It is worth noting that the Teacher Assessed Grades are confidential and not given out to students or parents. Any indicative grades given to students should be treated as such. They are an indication, not a result. The grades awarded are based on national standards set by exam boards. Ultimately, it will be the exam boards who award the grades for distribution on the results days, on either 10th August (A-Level) or 12th August (GCSE).

From Monday 7th June 2021 all Year 11 and 13 students are expected to be available to provide additional work and evidence for Teacher Assessed Grades. This means, therefore, from this date students will be expected to access remote learning from home, and will only physically attend school if invited to do so. It is imperative that students remain available to attend school to ensure the school has the full evidence of work to award the best possible grades.

Finally, I would also like to confirm that Year 11 students are expected to be in education until the end of June, therefore students should access the remote learning tasks which will be set on Google Classroom. From the 21st June all Year 11 students will also be able to access virtual work experience and 6th form transition. More information on this will follow in the coming weeks.

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Thank you all for your patience, understanding and support in our joint quest to provide your child with best possible grounding for their future endeavours.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Girling'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ms K Girling
Head of School