

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

You are due to receive Corinne's latest progress report tomorrow afternoon. It will contain their mock result in the "Latest Assessment Grade" column and a prediction as well as information on their attitude to learning. I think it is important that these two pieces of information are fully understood in the context of the cancelled summer exams and how this information will feed into the work that Corinne will be doing over the next few months, whether remotely or back in college.

### **Mock result**

If you have an older son/daughter you will know that there is often a difference in the mock result in December and the grade that is achieved in the summer. December's mock exams were the first time students had taken exams under exam conditions and in rapid succession. It is a very different experience to completing a test in a lesson. Some students adjust to this process well and manage their revision and their mock result reflects their ability. For other students who do not do as well as they hoped, the mocks provide a valuable experience to learn from. This may be about realising they didn't know the topics as well as they thought, recognising they need to look more closely at their revision process or in some situations, accepting the fact they will simply need to work harder. It is important that the mock is recognised for what it is – a stepping stone. It is not a predicted grade. It provides information that will help us decide on a predicted grade.

### **Predicted grade**

This grade is based on what Corinne's teachers currently think Corinne can achieve in the summer. It is generated from all the evidence the teacher has on Corinne. This includes the mock, all other assessments, homework and their contributions in lessons.

The government has said that schools will generate GCSE grades this summer and we are awaiting information on what this process will involve. We will inform students and parents of this process as soon as we have clarity.

What is very clear is that Corinne needs to continue to work as hard as she can. The work that is completed over the next few months will play an important role in generating that final grade.

It is vital that Corinne does not think their latest prediction is what she will actually achieve for her GCSE in a subject. Depending on how Corinne works in the next few months and the progress she makes, that grade may go up or down, just like it would in a normal year.

I realise these are very anxious times for you all and I hope this information supports discussion at home about the progress report. Please be reassured that we will work with Corinne in the coming months to ensure she can achieve the best grades possible.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher