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Dear Year 11 students and families,

### **Year 11 students and teacher assessed grades**

In January, we wrote to you encouraging you all to take part in the public consultation on the awarding of both GCSE and vocational qualifications in 2021. Thank-you to everyone who took part. This process has now closed and the [response has been published](#).

This is what we currently know:

- All GCSE, AS and A-Level exams in summer 2021 are cancelled;
- Students will receive teacher assessment grades based on *all available evidence*;
- No algorithm will be used;
- Results will be issued week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021;
- All students will have the right to appeal their grades.

Exam centres, including Rye College, have received [guidance from Ofqual](#) on the awarding of teacher assessed grades. This guidance states:

*“Each teacher assessed grade should be a professional judgement, balancing different sources of evidence and data. It is important that the centre’s grading judgements are objective; they should take account of existing records and evidence, **as well as new evidence generated in the coming months**, to demonstrate a student’s knowledge, skills and abilities in relation to the subject content that they have been taught.”*

### **Looking forward with optimism**

Whilst the global pandemic has interrupted learning and been a challenging time for everyone, we are now moving out of lockdown with a sense of optimism and opportunity. *We are absolutely committed to ensuring that no Year 11 student is disadvantaged because of the COVID outbreak.*

For the remainder of this academic year, we have two key objectives that we will achieve for, and with, our year 11 students. These are:

- 1) *To ensure that every Year 11 student has the key skills and knowledge they need for their next steps in education, employment or training.*
- 2) *To ensure that we have given every Year 11 student the opportunity to achieve their best possible grade.*



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In order for us to achieve this, we need our Year 11 students in school every day, working with their teachers and engaging positively in their learning.

To students who have participated in their remote learning – well done and thank-you. You have continued to develop the evidence base for your teachers to award you your grades.

To students who have not participated with remote learning – you still have every opportunity to give your teachers the evidence they need to award you your best possible grade.

### **A sense of purpose**

We ask that all Year 11 students to return to school next week with a renewed sense of purpose. *Everything you will do in the months ahead will give us new evidence that will contribute to your teacher assessed grades.*

We will write to you again with more details regarding the rest of this academic year in due course. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing Year 11 students back at school next week and a positive and productive remainder of the year.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or if there is anything else we can help with, please email [office@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:office@ryecollege.co.uk). We will continue to do all we can to support our students achieve the successes they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

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