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Dear Parents/Carers

We've been so impressed with our Y11 students' return to the academy. We have found that they are working hard to secure their grades and, in doing so, they are taking every opportunity to produce their best work in the assessments that we provide.

The return to school so far has centred on consolidating students' understanding of content that they have previously covered and giving them soft assessments under medium control conditions to provide a refocus to their return to school. After Easter we will be shifting to providing more comprehensive assessment opportunities in each of their subjects. This will provide the best evidence of their capability in a subject. There is a Y11 parents evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021, where your child's teacher will be able to tell you the grades of assessments taken so far if possible. What you need to be aware of is that each assessment will carry a different weighting. We will not be sharing any prediction of the final Teacher Assessed grade (TAGs) for your child, primarily because we have been told by Ofqual that we cannot, and secondly, because we will not come to a decision about those grades until we have scrutinised each child's portfolio and balanced their performance in each piece according to its weighting.

The assessment opportunities for the year group as a whole will be finalised by the end of May 2021. We will spend some time mopping up individual assessments and confirming our view of the TAGS during the following week and the week after May half-term.

Y11 students will remain in school until 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 so that we can ensure we have all the evidence we need for the TAGS. If we have the evidence we need, students will be allowed to leave on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021. If the portfolios are incomplete they will need to return for the following week to complete any outstanding work.

We recognise that the next half term is new to us all, but as long as your child works as hard as they can, with the support we will provide for them, they will reap the fruits of their labour.

Yours faithfully

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