



## DEAN TRUST Wigan

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will be aware, the government and OFQUAL have now confirmed that GCSE grades will now be decided by Teacher Assessed Grades (sometimes referred to as Centre Assessed Grades) for the Summer 2021 exam series.

The rationale behind this is to ensure that pupils receive the grades that they deserve for their work across both Year 10 and Year 11 and are able to take the next stage of their education or training. Teachers will be able to draw on a range of evidence when determining grades, including the optional use of questions provided by exam boards, as well as mock exams, coursework, or other work completed as part of a pupil's course, such as essays or in-class tests.

To give pupils the best possible chance of evidencing their best work the Dean Trust have timetabled Year 11 Mock Exams across all of their secondary schools.

The Dean Trust Mock Exams alone will not decide a pupil's teacher assessed grade. Pupils' performance in these mock exams will only form part of the evidence that a teacher uses to decide a pupil's final grade.

Our teaching staff will be working hard with all pupils to ensure that they consolidate their previous learning in preparation for the exams that begin on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Please note that pupils will only be assessed on content that they have been taught.

Pupils will shortly be issued with their exam timetable and a programme of revision will be delivered across the curriculum subjects.

Whilst we prioritise the pupils' wellbeing following their enforced absence from school we must also ensure we provide every opportunity for our pupils to showcase the learning that had taken place prior to the most recent lockdown.

If any parents would like to discuss this process or provide further information that will help us support your child, do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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