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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you have received your child's recent report on Edulink.

This report is an additional report we have added for this year as a response to the disruption of the lockdown. As such, we have collated only Attitude To Learning and Homework grades; the aim of this is to ensure students and families are aware of how your child has settled back into the regular routines of school life in such an important year.

Further reports

You will have a full report with predicted grades (plus ATL and HW updates) as normal in mid-November 2020, followed by two further reports around Feb/March and April 2021, also collating grades, ATL and homework.

Please take the opportunity of discussing the ATL grades in particular with your child - we know as a school that an ATL score of 2 or 1 is historically a good indicator of whether a student makes the excellent progress in their GCSE and BTEC qualifications. Students with these grades should be congratulated on showing a really positive attitude to their studies during a difficult time for us all.

Students with poorer ATL grades will be having discussions with Ms Vilela and Mr Jones in the coming weeks and families will be contacted. We expect these students to show an improvement in their ATL by the time of the next report in November.

Mock exams

There will be two periods of mock exams for Y11 this academic year:

11th January - 22nd January 2021

23rd February - 26th February 2021

Subjects will be spread across these two mock periods. You will receive the results of these mocks in the reports following the mock periods (in Feb/Mar and in April respectively).



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Formal exams (7th June - 2nd July)

We have now had confirmation from the DfE that GCSE exams will start slightly later than planned, just after May half term (exam period beginning 7th June). There will be some exams (notable some Maths and English) before half term and the exam period will last until 2nd July 2021. This gives students about two extra weeks with their teachers than they have had in previous years. There is also information on the school website about relevant changes to specific courses (e.g. where a unit has been dropped due to Covid), although students should have been told about these already by their class teachers.

Good study habits

It is important that students work as well as they can at home. This means completing homework tasks to the best standard they can, but also means planning ahead to the mock and real exams in 2021. Students do not have any formal exams before Christmas, which gives them the time to plan an appropriate and healthy amount of revision as this term goes on. An important role for parents and carers is to discuss with your child which subjects they have to revise for and to support them in planning and applying a revision schedule. We know that many students will find it hard to strike the balance between doing enough and doing too much - although we want them to commit as much time as they can to their studies, it is still vitally important that students allow themselves time and space to relax, even within periods leading up to exams.

We thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Jones
Deputy Headteacher