

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that exams for Year 11 students in all subjects have been cancelled and will be replaced by Teacher Assessed Grades. I am writing to you to explain the process that we intend to undertake at Soar Valley to ensure that the awarding of GCSE grades is rigorous and fair.

The guidance from OFQUAL [here](#) says teachers are to assess only what students have been taught, that we should use a breadth of evidence from across the course and that students should continue to be taught and be assessed as late as is reasonable. Therefore, we have created a 6-week window from **12<sup>th</sup> April until 28<sup>th</sup> May** where students will have further classroom based assessments in all their subjects. A timetable for these assessments is outlined below. Class teachers will give further details to students on when exactly during that week the assessments will take place. Teachers will also help guide and support students with any revision in preparation for these assessments. These assessments will help provide further evidence for teachers in deciding the grades.

In summary, the evidence base for GCSE grades will be:

- Assessments completed during this upcoming assessment window
- Mock exams and other assessment information completed across the course

The exam boards are due to send schools support material that we can use to help us in our assessments. We already have a wealth of resources we can draw upon, but intend to look at the materials that come through and may also use these to help us assess students. We will run a rigorous quality assurance process before grades are submitted to the exam board, to ensure that we have every confidence in the grades that we are submitting for every student.

Following OFQUAL advice, we will not be sharing details of grades with students before results day. Results day has been moved forward this year to 12<sup>th</sup> August and we will send you more details of this next term.

Our priority in all of this is to ensure our students do as well as possible and give themselves every chance of success in what has been a difficult year. Our message to students has always been to keep working hard, listen to the advice of teachers and understand that they can still make big difference to their grade.

Please rest assured that we will give all students the best support we can so that they achieve the very best they can. If you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

<b>Week</b>	<b>ASSESSMENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THIS WEEK</b>
<b>Beginning</b>	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Geography , Citizenship Final deadline for Sport and the Media
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	MFL(writing), Maths, RE, English (reading), Computer Science
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	MFL (reading +listening), Maths, DT, History, Science Biology x2, English Lit (ACC), IT
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Maths, DT, Citizenship, Triple Science Biology paper 2, Geography
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Maths, MFL (reading + listening), Food, Citizenship, History, English (writing), IT, Computer Science Final deadline for Developing Sports Skills,
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	RE, Triple Physics paper 1, English Lit (Shakespeare), Geography
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Final moderation of work

Kind regards

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