



# ST MARGARET WARD CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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3A/TAGS Letter/Y11/Y13/EL/NS

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25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

As students are coming to the end of their assessments in Year 11 and Year 13, we'd like to give further clarification regarding the next steps of the teacher assessed grading process, and the evidence base that will be used to determine your child's grade.

I'd firstly like to thank you for the ongoing support that you have given to your child. Staff have been incredibly impressed with how students have stepped up to the challenges they have faced over the past few months, which is thanks to the love and support they have received from their families, teachers and support staff.

As you are aware, students have been sitting a series of continual assessments in each subject, so that teachers can collate rigorous evidence to inform a teacher assessed grade. As well as the evidence provided from these assessments, teachers may also use mock examination result, Year 10 assessment data, classwork and homework from throughout KS4.

Our aim is to collate a robust evidence base which demonstrates student's performance in their subject. We recognise that students will have made significant progress and improvements since they began their course, which is why greater emphasis will be placed on assessments sat during the most recent assessment series. Where there are gaps in evidence due to absences, teachers will be using additional evidence to inform the final grade. Further information regarding this process can be found in our Centre Policy on the school website.

In the final week of half term, students will be informed which pieces of evidence will be contributing to their grade. It's important to note:

- We will not be providing information regarding the weighting of any particular piece of evidence, as the grades are based on a holistic, professional judgement.
- We will not be providing indicative final grades.

Some students may have had adverse circumstances at the time of assessments and may be eligible for a minor adjustment on their assessment grades. This is to reflect temporary illness, temporary injury or some other event outside of the student's control at the time of the assessment. It is applied when the issue or

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event has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a student's ability to demonstrate his or her normal level of attainment in an assessment.

There are limited circumstances that we are allowed to grant special consideration for and we may decide to use another piece of work instead if appropriate. We are not allowed to consider the Covid-19 pandemic unless there are circumstances where the student was affected more severely than the rest of their cohort. If you would like to request that we consider such circumstances, then you will need to complete the online form on the following link: <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/curriculum/exam-information/> by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

A reminder that results for Year 11 students will be available on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August and for Year 13 students will be available on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Further details will be provided nearer to the time.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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