



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. On Monday 6th January 2021 the government announced that the summer 2021 GCSE, A level and vocational examinations were cancelled and that students would receive Teacher Assessed Grades for their qualifications. This announcement has no doubt caused you and your child anxiety and has unsettled you as to how these grades would be calculated. The Government subsequently released their guidance on how these grades should be calculated on Thursday 18th February 2021.

Our school approach to the Teacher Assessed Grades will be based on the evidence that we have on our students regarding their performance. We have scheduled two assessment periods to provide part of this evidence.

- **22nd - 26th March 2021 - In class assessments**
- **4th - 18th May 2021 - GCSE/GCE assessments in Exam hall**

These two assessment periods are to provide opportunities for our students to demonstrate their learning over the past two years. They are **not** designed to replace the summer exams and will **not** be full sets of GCSE/GCEs, they are to provide an indication of student performance. We do not want any of our students to feel any anxiety over these assessments, they are not exams and they will only form part of the evidence base that we use.

When deciding on a student's teacher assessed grade we will be using the following evidence.

- Performance in in-class assessments in March
- Performance in May GCSE/GCE assessments
- Coursework, if applicable to that subject
- Previous assessments undertaken earlier in the school year - Classwork and homework

We will be holding two virtual parent forums this coming Wednesday 17th March 2021 to present our approach to the Teacher Assessed Grades for 2021.

- **Year 11 - 5pm**
- **Year 12 and 13 - 6pm**

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The links to the meetings will be emailed to all year 11, 12 and 13 parents on Monday 15th March 2021.

The school is also not able to provide any parent or student with the grade that will be submitted by the school and we will not be providing grades achieved in the March or May assessments.

Any disclosure of grades will be treated as malpractice by the Exam Boards and could affect the Centre's (schools) overall grade outcomes. We therefore ask that you **do not** email any teacher requesting this information as it cannot be provided at this time.

The GCE and GCSE results will be released as normal on the pre-published results days;

- GCE - Tuesday 10th August 2021
- GCSE - Thursday 12th August 2021

We will write to you later in the academic year to inform you of the timings of results days and how these will be structured. In the meantime, please stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Claire James

Assistant Headteacher