



**Orchard Park High School**  
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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Year 11

You will have seen the announcement from Gavin Williamson that GCSE examinations will not take place in the normal way this year. Teacher assessment will be used for the final outcomes. We hope to have further details on what this will entail very soon and we will promptly share this with you and your families.

In the meantime, I would like to provide some reassurance. Firstly, your efforts and hard work will be recognised. The work you continue to do will also be counted so please carry on doing your best and be assured that it will contribute to your results in some way.

These results will mean the same as those of any other cohort that has gone before you. Your qualifications will be equally as valid and on paper will appear the same as anyone else's. You will still be able to progress into sixth form education. I want to reassure you that your ambitions for your future are not affected by this change to assessment.

As a school, we will do our absolute best to ensure that you are awarded the correct grade. We will communicate with you as the picture develops so that you fully understand how these alternative arrangements will affect you. We are here to provide support through this and our top priority is ensuring you are fairly rewarded for your work. In the meantime, please continue to attend your live lessons and complete the learning as directed by your teachers. They are very proud of your engagement and commitment so far.

We know that you are eager to receive the results from your Pre Public Exams. We will be posting these to you this week.

Parents' Evening was due to take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January. We have decided that until we have a clearer sense of the government's plans for GCSE outcomes, we will put this on pause. However, myself, Mr Clarke and Mr Atherton would like to invite you to attend a short meeting with us online. We plan to update you on any further information we have relating to exams, provide information about remote learning and give you the opportunity to ask questions. Your parents and carers are invited to attend too. This will commence at 4.30 pm on Thursday via this link <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/information-for-year-11>

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

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