



# Edmonton County School

## *Educating our Community for Success*

Dear year 11 families,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. Following the cancellation of this year's summer exams, the Department for Education and Ofqual launched [a consultation](#) seeking views on how to award grades in a way that reflects students' performance accurately, recognising the disruption they have faced this year.

We have listened to your feedback regarding student workload and have put in place measures to make sure that the work set is manageable and linked directly to teacher assessed grades. Whilst we do not yet have a complete picture of what this process will look like, there are some things that schools can share.

What we can tell you is:

- Vocational qualifications with written exams scheduled in February and March, will not go ahead as planned, alternative arrangements will be put in place.
- Grades will be based on teacher assessment, with teachers supported in making decisions with guidance and training from exam boards.
- Teachers' assessments would be subject to quality assurance checks by exam boards.
- Students will be assessed on what they have learnt, rather than against content they have not had a chance to study.
- Students will most likely sit final assessments in school, probably in May, which will include an assessment of the online learning that has taken place.

Spring term Student Profile Reports:

- Subject teachers will be entering a 'working at' and 'projected grade' for the Spring-term Student Profile Reports. These 'projected grades' do not necessarily represent the final teacher assessed GCSE grades.
- Grades will be based on teachers' assessment of students' work since September, including the remote learning they have completed since January.
- Teachers will consider students' attendance and engagement to 'Live' lessons when deciding on their grades.

Some things we would ask of you:

- Students need to attend all their 'Live lessons' as this will be a factor in their assessed grades.
- Students must complete their weekly 'assessed assignments' which will be used to provide evidence for final teacher assessed GCSE grades.
- Please do not contact class teachers as they will not be entering into discussions with parents or students about grades.
- Attend the Academic Review evening for year 11, which are provisionally scheduled for the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- The Sixth Form Team would like to thank all Year 11 students that have completed their online application. They will be contacting students regarding arrangements for interviews in the next half term.

We know this is unsettling and many of you will be anxious about the next steps. Try not to worry. Students should focus on completing the work they have been set and using this time wisely. Please contact your Progress Leads should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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