

22nd April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all had a good Easter. We were pleased to welcome Year 11 pupils back for what will be for some their final term at Etone College.

Earlier today Year 11 pupils attended an assembly which outlined Government guidance and exam board regulations regarding the processes and procedures in place for the awarding of grades in 2021. These grades will be known as centre assessed grades and will be awarded in the absence of final examinations taking place.

Schools have been asked to determine grades across the cohort based upon a range of criteria and evidence. More detailed information can be found in the following [link](#) to the "Joint Council for Qualifications Guidance for students, parents 2021".

Grades will represent a holistic, objective judgement based on evidence of each pupil's performance in each subject. The evidence will be of different types and will come from across the course of study.

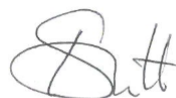
The final grade is derived solely based on performances produced by pupils. A grade derived based on a predicted trajectory or target grade is not permitted.

Schools are bound by strict internal and external quality assurance procedures to ensure that the grades assigned to pupils are a fair, valid and reliable reflection on the assessed evidence available for each pupil. These systems are in place to ensure that it should be no easier or more difficult for a pupil to achieve a grade this year based on their performance than in previous years.

Please note that staff are not allowed to discuss grades with pupils or parents/carers and in line with guidance, any attempts by pupils or parents/carers to try to influence grade decisions by applying pressure will be reported as malpractice to the appropriate bodies.

Centre assessed grades will be issued to pupils on results day in our Sixth Form on Thursday 12th August. Further information regarding the exact arrangements for results day will be shared nearer the time.

Yours faithfully



Mr I Smith
Headteacher