

24 March 2021



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Dear Parent/Carer,

The school has continued to work on a robust system on how we assess students' performance this year. Our key principles through this process are:

- judgements will be made using a broad range of evidence
- Ralph Allen aims to provide the best opportunities for students to succeed
- the process should be open and transparent
- students should know where they are during this process

Student's work in year 10 and 11 can already be used to support the judgement but additionally we are giving further opportunity to assess students. Teachers will support and discuss this process with their students. Although the process will be open, teachers are not allowed to indicate the final grade that they submit. Below is a timeline of what will take place in school.

Timeline

Monday 22 March – Thursday 1 April

- Teachers are preparing students in lessons for their Spring Assessments. Teachers will be informing students of the subject material that will be assessed. (The subject content in each curriculum area has been reviewed and reduced to support students).
- Current performance grades will be sent via Insight next week. These grades are an indication of current performance. These grades **may increase, stay the same or reduce** depending on the final grades in further assessments.

Monday 19 April – Tuesday 4 May

- Formal Spring Assessments in school. Students will attend school during this time and will continue to be supported by their teachers.
- A spring timetable will be given to students before the Easter holidays.

Wednesday 5 May – Friday 28 May

Students will continue to work on further assessments in class and will attend all lessons.

Friday 28 May

This will be the last day in school for all year 11 students. The school will organise a final assembly to celebrate five years at Ralph Allen.

Monday 7 June – Friday 18 June

All work will be marked and moderated. Teachers within their departments will assign final grades using a range of evidence.

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Results day

GCSE – Thursday 12 August

Appeals

If a student is unhappy with their grade, they can;

- firstly, ask if a clerical error has been made
- discuss any concerns about grades with the school
- if no error has been made, you can ask the school to appeal to the examination board on your behalf. This will involve the school providing evidence to the examining board on how the grade was determined
- if they are still unsuccessful an Autumn series of examinations will be available

Reminder of key points from previous correspondence

Assessments used

We are guided by offering the best opportunities for our students to succeed. To do this we will be using a broad range of evidence to support the grade. This includes;

- *Student work produced in response to assessment materials provided by the exam board, including groups of questions, past papers or similar materials such as practice or sample papers.*
- *Non-exam assessment (NEA) work (often referred to as coursework), even if this has not been fully completed.*
- *Student work produced in centre-devised tasks that reflect the specification, that follow the same format as exam board materials and have been marked in a way that reflects exam board mark schemes - this can include:*
 - *Substantial class or homework (including those that took place during remote learning)*
 - *Internal tests taken by pupils*
 - *Mock exams taken over the course of study*
 - *Records of a student's capability and performance over the course of study in performance-based subjects such as Music, Drama and PE*
 - *Records of each student's progress and performance over the course of study.*

As above, no one piece of evidence or examination will indicate the final grade for a student. Each grade will be the result of a number of pieces of evidence in each area.

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Moderation

Each department will moderate the work in their subject and teachers will mark samples of each other's work. All decisions will be made with another member of staff and verified by the Head of Subject. Spring Assessments will be blind marked and moderated wherever possible.

Final support

Examinations access support will be given to all eligible students for assessments that will be used as evidence for their final grade.

Students will be given a current grade on recent work. This is not their final grade. The final grade will be calculated using their previous assessments and assessment that will take place in terms 4 and 5.

It has been a difficult year and we are keen to celebrate the students time in school but feel we cannot commit to a prom at this moment in time. We are looking into a possible summer celebration in term 6 and will be speaking to the year 11's to see what they would like in order to celebrate.

Best wishes

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