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Dear Parents and Carers

Assessments in place of exams

As you know from the timetables shared with you and published on the RGS website, we have now begun the Year 11 and Year 13 assessments. We have made arrangements for students in Year 11 and Year 13 to complete in-class assessments and these will form a primary source of evidence in confirming the centre determined grades (CDG) that will be considered by the various examination boards. In addition to these assessments we will make reference to a range of supporting evidence from work completed throughout the course in order that we can confidently determine grades that accurately reflect each student's attainment.

We have tried to place assessments so there are as few days as possible where students have two assessments a day. This is, as you can imagine, logistically difficult in the limited time frame offered by the exam boards.

In order that we may validate the quality of assessments we have established some clear 'Golden Rules' to be followed during their completion:

- Phones must be switched off
- There must be no talking or communication with other students
- No revision or additional materials may be used unless told otherwise
- No assessment materials should be taken out of the assessment
- Students should carefully follow the instructions of staff
- Normal exam access arrangements will be applied if allocated – if in doubt see Mr Wilson (SENCO)
- Students must be on time to complete assessments

Clearly attendance for each assessment is essential. If your son or daughter is off or going to be off school due to an emergency situation please notify school as soon as possible so that we can work out alternative arrangements.

Upon completion of assessments, staff will mark them based on examination board standards. This marking will then be moderated within subject teams before being subjected to moderation by the Leadership Group prior to grades being confirmed.

In terms of grades, each exam board is different. Although WJEC students will be informed of their centre determined grade prior to submission, this is not the case for other boards where the sharing of CDG's is forbidden. Specific policies relating to the various exam boards for Summer 2021 may be found on the RGS website.

We are aware that this may seem a complicated process, however I hope that you feel informed about what is happening and your children should be reassured that all necessary arrangements are in place. Should you have any queries at any time please do contact school via RGSEnquiries@sch.im.

Yours sincerely

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