



# CHRIST THE KING

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Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of this month the examination boards will be releasing detailed guidance regarding the evidence that can be used by teachers to award GCSE subject grades. We are anticipating that this will be a combination of data gathered throughout Key Stage 4, including PPE results and other assessments. We want to give every pupil the opportunity to show their true potential and, to this end, a number of subjects will be undertaking further assessments during May. In addition to this we will be providing, in advance, a subject report so that you are informed of your child's current progress and an additional Parents Meeting so that you have an opportunity to discuss progress with the subject teacher.

### Assessments in May 2021

- These will take place over four weeks, week commencing 4 May 2021
- We have spread the assessments over four weeks in order to give time for pupils to revise and minimise the pressure of having more than one assessment per day
- The timetable of the assessments dates is attached as a pdf
- Teachers will be providing pupils with revision lists for use over the holiday (pupils should check their school emails and Google Classrooms)
- Some practical subjects eg Art, Food and PE will be using full days for practical assessments - the dates for these are on the attached timetable
- Please note that these assessments will be used **in conjunction with existing evidence** to help generate a GCSE grade

### School Subject Report

- In the first week back we will be asking each subject teacher to give a 'working at' grade for the report
- Please note that the 'working at' grade reflects how your child is currently performing in a subject; **there will still be time to improve upon these grades before they are submitted to the examination boards on 18 June 2021**
- The subject report will be emailed to parents and pupils prior to the Parents' Meeting on Thursday 22 April so that it can be discussed and teachers can inform pupils how to progress to a higher grade

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## Parents' Meeting

- This will take place virtually on Thursday 22 April 2021 using 'School Cloud' - an online website that allows parents and teachers to meet virtually (either video or audio)
- Instructions for parents to make appointments with teachers will be emailed to parents on Thursday 15 April
- Appointments will take place on Thursday 22 April between 3.30 pm and 8.00 pm
- Appointments are capped at five minutes' duration and therefore punctuality is essential
- Teachers will provide details of what pupils must do in order to improve their grades
- Please note that teachers will not yet have determined the final grade to be awarded and we do not expect teachers to be pressured into committing to a grade
- Mr Mitchell, Progress Manager for Key Stage 4, will be available for any general concerns

## Website

- We are creating a section on the main page of the school website (<https://christtheking-school.com/>) entitled 'TAGs (Teacher Assessed Grades)' which will be populated with updates and information - please keep an eye on this section over the coming weeks as we begin to populate it
- Once the examination boards have given detailed instructions on the evidence that teachers must use to award a grade for each subject, we will be posting a rationale for each subject in this section of the website. I anticipate this to be the week commencing 19 April 2021

We appreciate the tremendous uncertainty and stress that pupils, parents and teachers are experiencing. Please rest assured we want to give every pupil an opportunity to show what they are capable of. We are looking to use the remaining time to allow pupils to achieve this.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Headteacher

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Progress Leader Key Stage 4

## How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021



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Working out your grade	Evidence	Results and appeals
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Graded by teacher judgement</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Not graded by an algorithm</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">School and college assessments can continue</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded</div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Non-exam assessment should continue</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Art &amp; design grade based only on your portfolio</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best</div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <b>Results days</b>            AS and A level 10 August            GCSE 12 August         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">           If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.         </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-top: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">www.gov.uk/ofqual</div> </div> </div>