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Dear Year 13 students and parents

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 A Level/Level 3 Vocational subject grades. We are anticipating that this will be a combination of data gathered throughout Key Stage 5, including PPE results and other assessments.

We want to give every student the opportunity to show their true potential and, to this end, a number of subjects will be undertaking further assessments during May. These examinations will be supplemented with further data as explained above and your/your child's TAG (Teacher Assessed Grade) will **not be based solely on these examinations**. We eagerly await the guidance from the examination boards.

### 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 students 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 students with revision lists for use over the holiday (students should check their school emails and Google Classrooms)
- Some practical subjects eg Art 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 final 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 students. Students can discuss this with their teacher and seek advice and support on what strategies to use to improve their grade if they wish to do so

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### Preparation and Support

- Students will receive revision lists from subject teacher as usual and should start a programme of revision as directed by their teacher
- During guidance Year 13 students have been given advice and strategies about different revision methods and how to plan their revision these resources have been shared with Year 13 and we would urge students to use these to support their success
- The Sixth Form leadership team and form tutors are available for one-to-one discussions with students who are anxious or feel like they need extra support
- We recognise this is a time of stress and pressure for our Year 13 students and a focus on wellbeing has been added to our form sessions. Again, we would urge students to use the strategies discussed and if they are struggling they should talk through their concerns with subject teachers, parents and the Sixth Form pastoral team

### Website

- We are creating a section on the main page of the school website (<https://christtheking-school.com/>) entitled 'TAGs (Teacher Assessed Grades)' that will be populated with updates and information
- 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 students, parents and teachers are experiencing. Please rest assured we want to give every student an opportunity to show what they are capable of. We are looking to use the remaining time to allow students to achieve this.

Kind regards

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