

26th March 2021



Dear Student and Parents

We know that you will be eager to have more information about how your grades will be awarded. As a reminder, your grades will be decided by your teachers based on the work you have completed so far and how well you continue to perform until May half-term. In other words, the hard work you have done in the classroom and through remote learning will be considered in your grade, but you also still have the chance to improve it.

So, it is really important that you keep working hard in your lessons and that the work you complete is your best effort.

Your teachers have begun to look at what **range of evidence** they will use to award your grade, and are working with other teachers in their department, across the Trust and from other local academies, to ensure you are awarded a fair grade for your hard work.

Vocational Qualifications

For vocational qualifications, you will be awarded with a grade based on the judgements of your teachers. Your teachers will use various sources of evidence that will include coursework, in-class assessments, mock exams or any other practical evidence gathered throughout your course. If you are currently completing internally assessed units, you should continue to complete these as it will be marked in the same way as any other year and will be used as part of the range of evidence towards your final grade.

A Levels and GCSE Maths and English

It is planned that you will have an opportunity to provide further evidence that will form part of the range of evidence that will contribute towards your grade. This opportunity will be an assessment period starting on **Tuesday, 4th May until Friday, 14th May**. During this time, you will be assessed in your A Level subjects. These assessments will form part of your grade and therefore you should take them seriously and revise well. For Art and Design and Photography your grade will be based on your portfolio and your teachers will provide you with specific information about this.

Your teachers are also planning other opportunities in your lessons for you to show your best work – this could be assessments or extended pieces of written work. They will tell you if this work is part of the 'range of evidence' they will use to help award your grade.

The last official day for Year 13 will be **Friday, 28th May**. However, you must keep yourselves available up until 18th June, in case we need you to come in to complete some extra work that you may have missed – it could be important for your final grade. Mr Gale will provide you with details on the arrangements regarding your last day and how we will celebrate and reflect on all your experiences and achievements during your time at Sarum Academy.

All arrangements are subject to any changes from the Department for Education. I will write to you if any of our plans are impacted by further Government guidance.

Please continue to stay focused in lessons, work hard to the best of your ability and ensure you prepare for the assessments in May. Remember, your teachers are here to support you and want you to do as well as you can. If you're worried or are finding the return to school difficult, please talk to someone – we are all here to help.

Warm Regards

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May Assessments

Details for each subject will be provided directly via your subject teacher.

A Level

Wednesday 5 th May	Thursday 6 th May	Friday 7 th May	Thursday 13 th May
Art and Photography	Art and Photography	Art and Photography	A Level History

Further Information

- Please remember that **your teachers are not allowed to talk to you or your parents/carers about what grade you might be awarded.**
- If you need to detail your predicted grades in college/further/higher education applications, please use the last predicted grade you received from your report.
- Results days:
 - Sixth form qualifications – Tuesday, 10th August 2021 at 10:00am
 - GCSE examinations – Thursday, 12 August 2021 at 10:00am

More information about timings of these days will be provided to you in due course.