

26<sup>th</sup> 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.

At the moment, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> May until Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**. During this time you will be assessed in all of your GCSE subjects. These assessments will form part of your grade and therefore you should take them seriously and revise well.

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 11 will be **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May**. However, you must keep yourselves available up until 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Your Year Leader, Mrs Middlehurst-Jones 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 do as well as you can. If you are 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

All assessments will take place in the morning. You will receive further information on the specific times and arrangements after Easter.

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
English Literature	Maths	Biology	English Language

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Chemistry	Maths	Physics	History and Geography	Religious Studies

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
Art and Photography	Art and Photography

### 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 school/college report.
- Results days:
  - GCSE examinations – Thursday, 12 August 2021 from 10:00am

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