

Learning and Teaching Guidance for Year 12 and 14

This is general guidance for how Years 12 and 14 should be approaching studying at home.

GCSE and A Level Grades 2020

At the moment there is no definitive information on how grades will be assigned to you this summer. The indications are that the process may include: -

- Controlled Assessment/Coursework, although different schools will be at different points;
- Possibly teachers' views on what grade you would have achieved if you sat the exam;
- Performance data which schools have, which in our case is core assessments.

This is difficult for all of you, **but my clear-cut advice is to keep working and finish your GCSE and A level courses under your teachers' guidance.**

Why? – Two simple reasons: -

1. Engaging positively with learning at home will mean that your teachers are well-placed to comment positively **with more evidence** about the grade you would have achieved, if you sat the exams.
2. Preparation for next year.

When you make the transition to **A Level** or **university study**, it is **vitaly important that the knowledge and skills you have acquired are learned and embedded**. It is also vital for the continued development of your **brain** and its '**learning power**'. This is normally achieved by an exam, hence my unequivocal advice about finishing your courses **and**, to **revise and consolidate** the work, under your teachers' guidance. In addition, routine and work have mental health benefits.

So, as well as keeping washing your hands, **keep working!** And remember that your teachers are available to support you with learning and pastorally, just as we are when we are all at school.

Take care.

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