



# Poynton High School

## and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr M Dean

Tuesday, 25 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As Year 11 near the end of their final assessments. I want to say how impressed I have been with the way that students have risen to the challenges of the last year. I am sure that they will be ready for a break when the assessments are finished and hope that they are able to relax and reflect on all they have achieved over the last two years.

I hope that this letter provides some useful information for you, a similar letter will also go to students through Google Classroom.

### **GCSEs and other grades in 2021**

#### **Results Day**

Year 11 students will receive their results in the Sixth Form Centre on 12 August 2021. We will send out more detailed information about the arrangements later when the government guidance for August is clearer but we think it is really important that they receive results face to face rather than through email. As you know we cannot inform students of the grade that they will be awarded before results day but they will be given the marks for individual assessments in all subjects. The only exceptions will be Art and Photography as their grade is derived entirely from the portfolio they are completing.

#### **Range of evidence used**

I wrote to you on 30 March to outline the assessments that were coming up and can now confirm the final range of evidence that will be used for students as part of the grading process. Teachers have worked really hard to ensure that the evidence meets the guidelines and gives all our students the chance to achieve their best. This range of evidence needs to be the same for the whole cohort of students but there will be the occasional case where a piece of evidence cannot be used for an individual student, for example if they have been absent and did not sit the assessment, so that piece will be discounted or replaced with a similar piece if one is available.

Across the school we are using all the assessments that students have completed in timed conditions in April and May and will use any non-exam assessment (sometimes called coursework). This is the fairest process as these were pieces that the students always knew

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would count towards their GCSE grade. Individual subjects may also use additional evidence for students. Earlier work has only been used when teachers believe that it properly reflects the cohort's ability overall.

The list below sets out the subjects in which additional evidence, beyond the recent assessments and the NEA, is being used.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Additional Evidence</b>
French	Y11 Mock
German	Y11 Mock
Spanish	Y11 Mock
RS	Peace and Conflict test
Mathematics	Y11 Mock, Y10 Term 1 assessment, Y10 Term 2 assessment
CNAT Sport	R051 Contemporary Issues in Sport R052 Developing Sports Skills (3 practical units and 1 assignment) R053 Sports Leadership (4 assignments) R054 Sport and the Media (4 assignments)
GCSE PE	Y11 Mock (Paper 1) 3 Assessments completed in Year 10 in school
Creative iMedia	Work from R082 Graphics unit completed in Y10.
Physics (Separate Science)	Y11 Mock
Chemistry (Separate Science)	Y11 mock
Computer Science	Logic Assessment – 30 min test Number Assessment – 30 min test Algorithms Assessment – 30 min test
Music	Composition assessment May 2021 Listening mock exam 2020
English Language	Mock Exam (Paper 2)
BTEC Enterprise	Components 1 and 3

### **Variation for individual students**

Although the evidence needs to be consistent for all students we are able to make variations where students have faced a particular disadvantage such as illness or another adverse circumstance. We are aware already of such circumstances for some students but if

you or your child have any additional concerns about any of the assessments being used then please complete the form which can be found at:

[Inform school of concerns over evidence](#)

We will then be able to review the evidence and respond appropriately.

### **Appeals in 2021**

Although we hope that students will be happy with their grades they will have the chance to appeal after results have been issued. We will update them when the final appeal process has been confirmed nationally. We will be available in the summer to help students make their mind up on appeals.

### **Resits in Autumn 2021**

Students will also have the option of resitting individual subjects in Autumn 2021 if they wish to do so. Further information about this will be available in August 2021.

This has certainly been a challenging year for students, teachers and for you as parents. We have been impressed with the work ethic of students and I look forward to seeing them on results day in August and to welcoming many back to our Sixth Form in September. In the meantime, I wish them all the best and hope that they manage to have a decent break after their hard work.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Dean  
Headteacher