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Dear parents and carers of Year 11, 12 and 13 students,

Summer Assessment Season

We wrote to you a few weeks ago to inform you that the Department for Education announced that teacher judgements would be used to award students in Years 11, 12 and 13 their final grades. We now have further information regarding Teacher Assessed Grades and what will be happening over the next few months.

How will students in Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 be assessed?

Teachers in all subjects will use a range of evidence across students' courses. It is likely that we will use major assessment points throughout the last year of study, including Autumn Mocks (for Year 11) and Spring Assessments/Mocks (for Years 11, 12 and 13) and then further assessments in the Summer Term. This may include coursework, classwork and homework. We are still awaiting the final guidance on which pieces of evidence can be used and will inform you when this is updated.

What will happen in the Summer Term?

Like many schools we have decided to run a formal Summer Assessment Season to give students the opportunity to show their knowledge and skills in their subjects, including in some units and topics for which they have not yet been assessed. We also feel it is valuable for students to gain experience of a formal assessment season in the Summer Term to prepare them for their future academic pathways and to provide them with credible results based on their hard work. The Summer Assessment Season will run between Monday 10th May and Friday 28th May. Students will sit at least one assessment in every subject for which they would have sat a public examination. We have taken steps to ensure students are not overloaded, and students will sit no more than half the number of exams they would have done in a normal year. The Summer Assessments will **not** necessarily be the final Teacher Assessed Grade, and teachers will take into account a range of evidence across the year.

What are the arrangements for when the Summer Assessments will take place?

Students will soon receive a Statement of Entry for the Summer Assessment Season, giving details of which topic papers they will sit in each subject, the tier of paper they will sit (where relevant), how long each assessment will be, and the date and time that the assessment will take place. Students will remain in school for the duration of the Summer Assessment Season and will attend lessons when not sitting an assessment, in which teachers will support students to revise and prepare.



How are we preparing students for the Summer Assessments?

We would like to thank you for your support in helping your child to work towards the Spring Assessments that have just taken place for Year 11 and which will be taking place this week for Years 12 and 13. Teachers will be doing their utmost to ensure students can 'level up' their knowledge and skills from lockdown to prepare them for the Summer Assessments. This will include providing focused revision lists on the topics that will be assessed and using time in lessons in a focused way to build on the Spring Assessments.

What will happen after the Summer Assessments?

Following the Summer Assessments, teachers will mark, moderate and standardise the assessments. There will be a Professional Day on Monday 7th June where teachers will receive guidance on the awarding of Teacher Assessed Grades for this year, looking at a range of evidence. Members of the Senior Leadership Team at Rooks Heath will conduct a thorough checking process, including a review of the evidence that teachers are using to ensure grades are given fairly and that they meet the Exam Boards' Quality Assurance criteria.

The Department for Education has yet to publish guidance on when students are expected to 'finish' their school year, and we will update you as soon as we know more.

Results Days this year will be:

Year 12 and 13: Tuesday 10th August.

Year 11: Thursday 12th August.

More information will be shared with you about Results Days before the end of the Summer Term.

After students have received their results, if they feel their grades have been unfairly or inaccurately awarded, they may begin an Appeals process, and this process will be clearly communicated in a letter to all parents and carers of Year 11, 12 and 13 students once we have the finer details from the Department for Education.

How can you support your child?

The most valuable way you can support your child's success is to encourage them to go over the topics and lesson content which has been specified by their teachers to them in lessons. We will also be running 'Level Up' sessions, which will be lessons held on Saturdays and during the Easter holidays when selected students in some subjects will be invited into school to attend an extra lesson or tuition session with their teacher to help boost their attainment. Your child's teachers will contact you if your child is involved in 'Level Up' tuition in their subject, and they will explain the arrangements for that subject. Please ensure your child attends any after school 'Booster' lessons after school or 'Level Up' Saturday/Holiday sessions they are invited to. We will run a **Q&A Session** for any parents who have



any queries about the Summer Assessment Season. This will be held on **Monday 29th March between 4-5pm**. A link to join the meeting online will be sent around to you later this week.

Thank you for your ongoing support towards your child's assessments and attainment in all their subjects. Please do not hesitate to contact us using the contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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