



## ST MARY'S COLLEGE

2 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my previous letter regarding the forthcoming assessment window starting on **Friday 3rd December** and finishing on the final day of term, **Friday 17th December**, which can be found [here](#), I'm writing to remind you of the importance of attendance at these exams. Attendance at school during all times is important but please be aware that missing an exam places undue pressures on various departments at the college, but more importantly your child as they catch up. **Should your child be missing from a public exam in the summer they are likely to get no grade in that subject and we reserve the right to invoice you for the cost of entry with the exam board.**

Every effort has been made to ensure that these examinations simulate the conditions your child will face in the summer.

As I stated in my previous letter, public examinations are the most likely method of assessment. Therefore, the DfE are asking schools to prepare for Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) as a contingency in the unlikely event that examinations don't occur. Public examinations will remain the focus for Teaching and Learning but please note that the December mock results will be part of an array of information used to generate TAGs. If required, the awarded grades will largely be based around:

- December mock examinations
- Spring term assessments
- Summer term assessments

Unless representing the college or self-isolating, we encourage students to make the utmost effort to be in school. Can I please remind you that during the public examinations to be sat in the summer of 2021, the school has zero flexibility and failure to sit the paper at the stated time on the stated date will result in your child gaining no grade on that paper without medical evidence explaining absence, which even then is up to the exam board's judgment to accept or not. As such we need to ensure we approach these mock examinations with the same expectations.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the relevant year office in the first instance.

Kind regards,

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