

4 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Key Dates – Assessment and Reporting

We hope you and your family are keeping well and are looking forward to the Christmas break. As mentioned in last week's update, we are now able to provide you with information and key dates for this academic year in terms of assessment, reporting and curriculum developments.

Year 7 - 10

All year groups have already received a set of Attitude to Learning grades since returning in September. Year 10 will have also received their target grades. Before we break up for the Christmas holidays, Year 8 – 10 students will also receive subject review grades that will include Attitude to Learning Grades, Attitude to Home Learning grades and Attainment Grades. Year 7 will receive a further set of Attitude to Learning grades as well as Attitude to Home Learning grades. Target grades for Year 7 will be available after Christmas.

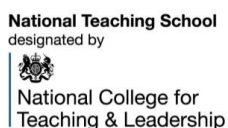
In addition, please see listed below the dates for internal examinations, parents' evenings and the issuing of subject review grades/records of achievement. Please be aware that these may change in light of any COVID developments, but we will keep you and students fully informed of any changes.

We are currently trialling new software that will allow us to conduct teacher – parent interviews remotely. This will be in place for the Year 11 Parents' Evening on the 17 December. Log in information and parents' tutorials will be circulated next week via email, to allow parents/carers to book their appointments.

We will ensure that internal examination results are circulated formally to parents/carers, to keep you fully informed of your child's current progress and more importantly to allow you to fully support your child to address any gaps in their learning.

Year 7

- Year 7 Exams – Week beginning 22 February 2021
- Year 7 Record of Achievement – Week beginning 10 May 2021
- Year 7 Parents' Evening – 13 May 2021
- Year 7 Subject Review Grades – Week beginning 12 July 2021



Year 8

Year 8 Curriculum Pathways KS4 Curriculum Evening – 21 January 2021
Year 8 Record of Achievement – Week beginning 22 March 2021
Year 8 Parents' Evening – 25 March 2021
Year 8 Exams – Week beginning 7 June 2021
Year 8 Subject Review Grades – Week beginning 12 July 2021

Year 9

Year 9 Subject Review Grades – Week beginning 12 April 2021
Year 9 Mock Exams – Week beginning 19 and 26 April 2021
Year 9 Record of Achievement – Week beginning 7 June 2021
Year 9 Parents' Evening – 17 June 2021

Year 9 Curriculum Changes

As part of Hungerhill's curriculum offer for your child, you may recall that students were due to study one of two new courses from September 2020 – GCSE Citizenship or NCFE Child Development. Due to COVID and school closure from March we have made the decision to suspend the launch of these courses, to allow students to focus on their core/pathway choices. We will continue to review our curriculum offer, adapting and accounting for any changes necessary in the current climate.

Year 10

Year 10 Mock Exams for Non-Core Subjects – Week beginning 1 February 2021
Year 10 Parents' Evening – 11 March 2021
Year 10 Record of Achievement – Week beginning 22 March 2021
Year 10 Mock Exams for English, maths and science – Week beginning 3 May 2021
Year 10 Making Mocks Matter Evening – 8 July 2020
Year 10 English, Maths and Science Mock Results – 8 July 2020
Year 10 Subject Review Grades – Week Beginning 12 July 2020

Year 11

Year 11 students will have received a set of Attitude to Learning grades and target grades since returning in September. Students have also received the results of their English and maths mini mocks which indicate that the year group as a whole is making excellent progress and students and teachers have worked hard to ensure that lost lesson time due to COVID has not had a detrimental effect on their attainment. We are confident, should GCSE exams take place in the summer, our students are in a strong position to achieve a first rate set of grades.

Before we break up for the Christmas holidays, students will also receive the results of their recent mock examinations in time for the Christmas holidays. After the holidays, teachers will be completing Year 11 Record of Achievements and be using mock results, key assessments and coursework to inform projected grades.

As part of Hungerhill's commitment to supporting our Year 11 students with their studies, we will be issuing an optional remote Christmas Booster School which will be a suite of pre-recorded



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sessions that students can access at a time which is suitable for them. This will include English, maths and science and a range of subjects from students' option subjects. We are currently collating all the resources ready for launching to Year 11 students in the final week of term. The Christmas Booster School is to build on the success of the core subject Summer School and is now being extended to option subjects. Once all details have been confirmed we will share key information with both students and parents.

Year 11 Parents' Evening – 17 December 2020

Year 11 Record of Achievement – Week beginning 18 January 2021

Year 11 Mock Exams – Week beginning 8 and 15 of March 2021

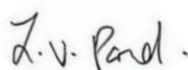
Year 11 Parents' Evening – 22 April 2021

Year 11 Subject Review Grades – Week beginning 26 April 2021

Parents may be aware that contingency arrangements are still being arranged by the government and OFQUAL regarding the summer GCSE exams. These have yet to be confirmed. However, the national media has announced that it is likely that there will be extra further GCSE papers for students who miss exams because of Covid-19. The aim is to give students a second chance to sit a paper if the main exams or assessments are missed due to illness or self-isolation. One option being considered is to run a single paper after the summer series as an extra reserve paper in each paper.

The GCSE exam series has already been extended, compared to previous years, to allow extra time for subjects to deliver their specifications and prepare students for exams. Should extra papers come into play, it is likely that the GCSE exam period will extend further into July. Therefore, in anticipation of this, we would advise parents, to refrain from booking summer holidays until dates and details have been confirmed, or if possible to avoid booking holidays in July.

Yours sincerely




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