

Thursday 15th December 2016

Dear parent/carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during the first term of Year 11. We are very pleased with the way our students have dealt with the all the changes 2016 has brought about. We will be holding a **mock results afternoon on Monday 9th January**, where students will collect their mock results and updated forecast grades. Our **Year 11 parents evening on Wednesday 11th January, 4.30-7pm** will be an opportunity for you to speak to all our Y11 teachers, Mr Hannah (Progress Leader), Mrs Hawes (Assistant Progress Leader), Mrs Hall (Pastoral Leader) and myself. You will find out about the next steps your son/daughter needs to take in order to reach their full potential. We will also inform you about any targeted intervention we will put in place as a result of the latest forecasts.

I also wanted to remind you that your son/daughter will receive numerical grades for Maths and English and letter grades for all other subjects (see enclosed an explanation of the new grading system).

After Christmas, there will be just under 80 teaching days left until the start of the GCSE examinations. We are therefore urging all our students to make the most of every lesson in school and, with your support, to plan and stick to a systematic revision timetable at home. There is a wealth of subject specific GCSE revision resources, exam questions and useful links on FROG, our school VLE (<http://frog.thw.coventry.sch.uk/>). Students can log in from home using their school username and password.

I would finally like to wish you and your family an enjoyable Christmas break and I look forward to continuing to work with you in order to ensure the best possible GCSE grades for our students.

Yours sincerely,



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Assistant Headteacher

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	
6	B
5	C
4	D
3	E
2	F
1	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above – top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above – bottom of C and above

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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

GCSE, AS and A level reforms in England
Grading new GCSEs from 2017

Exams in reformed English language, English literature and maths GCSEs will be taken for the first time in 2017. These will be graded from 9 to 1, instead of A* to G.



Statistical predictions will be used in 2017 to ensure there is alignment between the new and current grading structures, such that:

- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above
- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as currently achieve a grade A and above
- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 1 and above as currently achieve a grade G and above

All other grade boundaries will be set arithmetically, as now. For example, the boundaries at grades 5 and 6 will be set based on the difference in marks between grades 4 and 7; grade 5 will be set at one third of the difference in marks, and grade 6 at two thirds the difference in marks.

The government's definition of a 'good pass' will be set at grade 5 for reformed GCSEs. A grade 4 will continue to be a level 2 achievement. The Department for Education does not expect employers, colleges or universities to raise the bar to a grade 5 if a grade 4 would meet their requirements.

The new grading structure will be applied to other GCSE subjects in 2018 and 2019.

