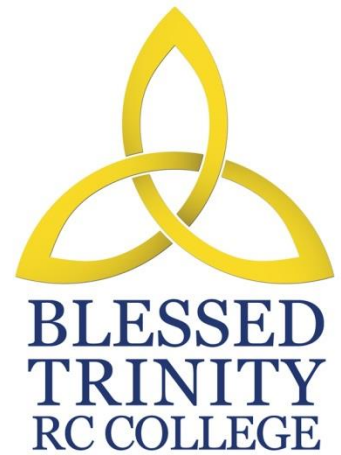


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25 March 2021

Dear Parent

Year 11 Summer Grades



This Summer, the grades that your child will receive, on 12 August 2021, will be **Teacher Assessed Grades**. I know that you will be keen to support us in ensuring that the grades our staff award are fair to all pupils in the year group. To achieve this, we have put together the following guidelines for pupils and parents and would ask that you read these carefully.

Confidentiality of Final Teacher Assessed Grades

Pupils will receive final predicted grades before Easter but you should be aware that these, remain predictions and are **not our final teacher assessed grades**. Final grades will be submitted to the Awarding Bodies in mid-June and we are required to keep these confidential.

We know that you will be keen to allow teachers to make these final grade judgements fairly and consistently and for this reason we are asking that our Year 11 parents and carers do not approach class teachers with any grades enquiries from this point onwards. It is perfectly natural that you may have questions or concerns but these should be emailed to Miss Stevens in the first instance. (rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)

What evidence will my child's grades be based upon?

Pupils will be informed about the range of evidence that teachers are using to reach these final grades. This information will be given on a subject by subject basis and, in all cases, will draw upon work that pupils have already produced as well as any final assessments that take place after Easter. In the final assessments we carry out, over the next few weeks, staff have been advised not to issue scores or grades to pupils.

What happens if my child is sent home to isolate and misses an assessment?

Pupils are now familiar with working remotely and those who have been required to isolate or shield, since 8 March, have been fantastic at continuing to join assessments from home. We are required to make every effort to ensure that

- The work pupils produce is their own
- The pupils have the same time conditions as pupils in school

For this reason, we are asking that if your child has a scheduled assessment

- They join the lesson via Microsoft Teams
- They receive the assessment at the same time as other pupils
- They complete this assessment, **with camera on**, and then submit it, electronically within an agreed time limit

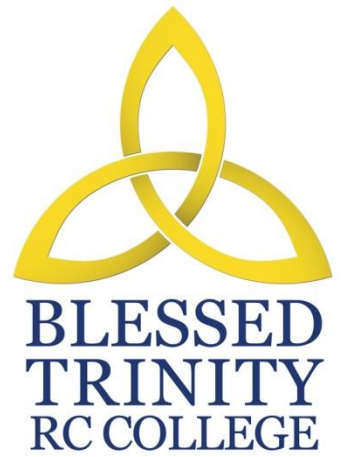
If your child is sent home to isolate or shield and has technical difficulties that you need to discuss with us then do get in touch, again emailing Miss Stevens in the first instance.

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How will my child's grades be checked?

The Senior Leadership team routinely check and challenge the Year 11 data that we send home to you and will continue to apply these rigorous checks to our final **Teacher Assessed Grades** in June.

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Additionally, we are also working with other local schools to moderate and check that the standards we apply are consistent and fair across our region.

Awarding bodies will be checking grades and standards this year too. They may ask to see samples of pupils' work and for this reason we shall be retaining any assessed pieces of work that your child has produced.

We know how hard our Year 11 pupils have been working throughout these most challenging of school times and we are confident that the progress they have made will be reflected in the grades they achieve this Summer. We are also here to answer any queries or concerns that parents have too. So please get in touch if there is anything you need to discuss.

In the meantime, we send our best wishes to you and your families.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. M. Varey', written in a cursive style.

Richard Varey (Mr)
Headteacher