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Dear Parents/Carers

Information Relating to Qualifications - Summer 2021

It is fantastic to have our students back in school with us. Since returning on March 8th they have settled very quickly and shown excellent attitudes to their learning. I am sure they are also happy to be back with their friends.

As you will have seen in the press, this year teachers will submit Teacher Assessed Grades to the awarding bodies rather than students sitting formal exams. To do this, we will use a range of evidence for each student. We will continue to assess your child's ability in every subject prior to submitting grades to the awarding bodies.

Staff at Scalby are well placed to do this due to the Attitude to Learning reporting system we use, where teachers utilise their professional experience to predict the final grades they expect students to achieve at the end of the course. Please note that **schools are not permitted to share the Teacher Assessed Grades they submit to the awarding bodies with students or parents/carers.**

Over the next few weeks, teachers will collate all the evidence needed to justify the final grades they will submit in June. To ensure this is as accurate as possible, we require each student to commit fully to every assessment activity and attempt them with the same focus and determination they would in a final exam. Please encourage your child to engage fully with the range of assessments teachers will set. It is important you ensure your child's attendance and engagement are at the highest levels so that they do not miss assessments. The school will support any students who experience COVID related absence such as self-isolation.

During the Easter holidays, JCQ released a document with further details about the assessment process this year. We have been working with our teaching staff this week to ensure that the processes laid out in the document are adopted robustly and ensure that students at Scalby have the best possible opportunity to achieve the grades they are capable of. You can find a version for students and parents here:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

It is important that we continue to work together to enable your child to achieve the best possible outcomes. Should you require any additional support or advice, please contact us via your child's Head of Year, Mr Hutton.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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