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Dear parents and carers,

Year 11 PC3 and Assessment update

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and support with the developing picture of assessment for GCSE and BTEC students. We have received the overall outcomes of the consultation from Ofqual and have an understanding of how assessment will take place, with specific details still to be released by examination boards. In summary, teachers will assess students and decide grades and will be able to draw upon evidence from throughout their GCSE and BTEC courses.

At Fitzharrys we are working through this guidance, preparing our assessment strategy and are poised to receive information from each exam board. In the meantime, we can reassure you of the following:

1. Clarity and frequency of communication

We will keep all families informed about our assessment procedures, with any updates to what is required of your child shared as promptly and regularly as possible. We will inform families of how each subject will be assessed, what will be assessed and how grades will be decided, and quality assured as soon as we are able to.

2. Equity and fairness

We will implement a fair assessment structure and quality assurance strategy across all subject areas, with support given to staff in order to do this. We will inform families and students of how this will take place.

3. Support and guidance for all students and families

We know how difficult this time has been for students, families and staff and want to do all that we can to ensure all are supported. The pastoral team will be working with students to support them at this difficult time, in addition to the support they will receive from their teachers in lessons.



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We are sharing with you your child's report, updating you on their attitude to learning and behaviour for learning in each subject. We have decided at this point to report on their engagement during remote learning so that you can better understand your child's participation with remote education during lockdown before their return to face-to-face lessons. We have not included any new information regarding forecast grades at this time as we are yet to receive full guidance as to how your child will be assessed from each exam board.

We will be in contact with further assessment details in the coming weeks.

Your sincerely,



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Deputy Head of School



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