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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this finds you and your family well.

Mr Mort wrote to you earlier this month explaining that GCSE grades this year will be teacher assessed and I know that many of you, and your children, will have questions about this and what the process will be for determining grades.

Currently, the government is undertaking a period of consultation regarding the awarding of final grades for this year's GCSE qualifications. The consultation process is due to end on Friday 29th January; however, the DfE will not publish any official recommendations and guidelines for exam boards, schools and teaching staff until several weeks after this date.

In the meantime, it is essential that each individual student continues to take advantage of the opportunities that are being prepared and presented by their teaching staff each day. They can do this by submitting all their work when required and contributing to live lessons, when these take place. As Mr Mort mentioned previously, teacher assessed grades will be evidence based and it is therefore extremely important that your child engages fully with their remote learning.

It has been heartening to hear from staff about how our Year 11 students have approached remote learning and engaged with the material set by their teachers. I have been impressed by the resilience and effort shown by our students.

In my Monday morning assemblies, I have spoken with the year group about next steps and looking to the future beyond Year 11. You should have received a copy of the Careers Newsletter with information about Post 16 providers and their open days and I have recently shared with the year group information about the Associated Sixth Form and how to apply. The Associated Sixth Form information evening remains available on our website, including subject videos. Students should submit their applications no later than the 5th March and we hope to see as many of our students in the Sixth Form as possible. Should your child wish to receive further careers guidance, or if they did not have an interview in the Autumn term, they can request a careers meeting by emailing Mrs Dukes at j.dukes@staidans.co.uk





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Your child's Form Tutor is in weekly contact with them and if they have any queries or concerns they should bring this to their attention, or contact me through Teams.

I hope that we will be together as a year group again soon, and able to celebrate the hard work and dedication shown by our students.

Yours sincerely,

Miss R Lewis
Attainment Co-ordinator for Year 11

