



# Padgate Academy

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Principal: Mrs M Barclay BSc (Hons) NPQH

Friday, 07 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the final weeks for our Year 11 students in school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Padgate Academy over the past five years. This year in particular has taken its toll on everyone and we are thankful for the trust that you have put in us to take care of your child. It is through the teamwork of our staff, students and families that we have been able to deliver high quality learning throughout the year despite isolations, illness and lockdowns and I know that you will join us in congratulating the year 11 students whose tenacity has shone through at every opportunity.

### May Examinations

The May examinations will begin on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May and will continue until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. These examinations will provide evidence for the Teacher Assessed Grades with full JCQ exam conditions implemented. Students will be expected to be in school from 8.40am - 3.05pm each day in full school uniform. Access arrangements will be in place for those students who need them. Students will be expected to bring in revision material so that they can revise during periods when they are not in examinations.

### Leaving date

The official leaving date for year 11 students will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Students will come into school at 9.30am as usual to attend a final leavers' assembly where they will have the opportunity to sign shirts and say goodbye to their friends. They will be dismissed at 1.05pm. *Please note: students must attend the morning session if they wish to come to the leavers' assembly.*

### Year 11 party

Due to the current restrictions, we will be unable to have a formal year 11 prom as in previous years. Will still wish to give the students an opportunity to celebrate the end of school so we will be having an informal year 11 party on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm – 3pm. A separate letter will full details will follow.

### Teacher Assessed Grades

As mentioned previously, the 2021 GCSE grades will be a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG). This is a grade that is awarded from a broad evidence base. The sources of evidence which have been used to formulate this grade has been clearly explained to the students by each individual subject teacher. This process is also the same for BTEC subjects.



Please refer to the JCQ Guidance for Students, Parents and Guardians which provides an overview on the most important information that you need to know about how the grades will be awarded this summer. [JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf](#)

### **Results Day**

The 2021 GCSE results day will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August**. The results will be available to students from 9am- 11am in the Phoenix Studio.

Finally, I would like to wish all our Year 11 students well in the weeks ahead and also thank you for your support once again.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J. Hawley  
Senior Lead for Student Intervention