



Our ref: BTa/JCh

6 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers & Students

TEACHER ASSESSED GRADES (TAGS) – GCSE'S 2021

We write to you to explain in more detail the process that Sybil Andrews Academy will be using to formulate a teacher assessed grade for your son/daughter's GCSEs this summer.

Teachers will make a holistic judgement on their range of evidence. Our evidence base will be:-

1. **Historical Assessment** – this is data that has been gained from December mocks and/or from other relevant whole cohort assessments.
2. **Non-Examined Coursework (NEA)** - this will be complete or partially completed coursework if the course was not complete.
3. **In-Class assessments** - currently taking place in April and mid-May
4. **In-Hall assessments** - scheduled to take place in May except for subjects that have NEA.

The Teacher Assessed Grades are not to be confused with last year where students received "Centre Assessed Grades" which was a prediction of what we thought the students would have achieved had they sat the exam.

All assessments will reflect the specification, follow the format as the exam board materials and be marked in a way that reflects exam board mark schemes. The evidence will be consistent across the cohort of students. The appropriate weighting will be decided by the centre. The school will follow an internal quality assurance process at department level, followed by a review at Centre level. The grades will then be externally quality assured by the exam boards which will be random sampling and reviewing of our evidence.

The usual process of submitting special consideration applications to awarding bodies will not apply this summer. Students will only be assessed on the content of the specification covered. The school should be aware in writing and at the time of the assessment, of any case where a student is experiencing adverse or mitigating circumstances at the time of the assessments. Please contact Mrs Chamberlain, Exams Officer, by email (jchamberlain@sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk) should this be the case.

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Results Day has been brought forward this year to 12th August. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate year 11 on the work they have achieved so far and the resilience they are showing during these challenging and different times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Botanner'.

Mr B Tanner
Head of KS4