

31st March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE and AS/A Level Guidance for Students and Parents

As we prepare to enter the final term of this year I would like to take the opportunity to praise all of our students in Years 11 and 13 students for their attitude, effort and engagement in lessons. This has been a unique time for all students in schools, even more so for those that are preparing to complete examinations this year. I would like to reassure parents and students that all staff at Arnold Hill, including teachers and support staff, have worked hard to ensure that plans are in place to support students in achieving an appropriate and fair grade this summer.

The presentation in the link below has been prepared to provide you with an update regarding the process to be followed with information regarding:

- The plans for lessons and assessments in the final term.
- The types of evidence that will be used to inform grades.
- An overview of the appeals process.
- Contact information.

The presentation is available to view on our website which can be found here:

[Frequently Asked Questions regarding the grading of GCSEs, A Levels and other qualifications in summer 2021](#)

The information provided is in line with current guidance shared by OFQUAL, Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) and the Department for Education.

A Parent and Student Guidance document for Summer 2021 released by JCQ on 26th March can be found here:

[JCQ Guidance for Students and Parents: GCSEs and AS/A Levels Summer 2021](#)

We will continue to send updates as more information is released from exam boards and the government.

In addition to the presentation we are providing an opportunity for parents to speak to a member of staff if guidance is required regarding the following areas:

- The overall process that will be followed by the academy to assign grades.
- The measures in place to ensure that grades are assigned fairly to all students.
- Guidance regarding the types of evidence that could be used to assign grades.
- The appeals process.
- The autumn 2021 exam series.
- Studying in the sixth form from September 2021.

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Please be aware that we are **not able** to discuss grades or progress information about individual students.

These meetings will take place virtually on Monday 19th April from 4pm - 6.30pm via the School Cloud website; Cloud. This is the system we have used for recent parent evenings. The meeting length for each appointment is 12 minutes. Please ensure that you read all the guidance and watch the presentation prior to asking to for a meeting.

Please use the link below if you wish to book an appointment at the meeting. You will be asked to indicate the focus of your query from the list above. This will enable our staff to provide you with the relevant information required.

[Book Your Appointment](#)

All requests must be submitted by 3pm on Thursday 1st April 2021. This will enable your invitation to the meeting to be sent to you prior to Monday 19th April 2021.

Once an appointment has been made for you, an email will be sent to your account with the appointment time. To log into School Cloud to attend your appointment, click on the below link:

[SchoolCloud - Arnold Hill Academy](#)

The information you will need to log into School Cloud is your child's name, date of birth and your full name with your email address. You also have the option of inviting another parent/carer to attend the appointment with you.

To invite an additional person to your appointment, click on the My Bookings link on your Homepage and then click on the Invite Parent/Guardian link at the top of the list of bookings. If you have already sent an invitation, this will show as Manage Invites instead. You will then be presented with a box asking for the details of the additional contact. You must enter a name and an email address as well as a ticking in the box giving consent for the additional person being given access to your information which has been used to make the appointment. Once the invitation is sent, it gives the additional contact details on how to attend the appointment.

Please be aware that if you are not in our records as a contact, you cannot log into the School Cloud system.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we wish our students well in their preparations for the upcoming assessments.

Yours faithfully

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