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Year 11 and Year 13 Teacher Assessment Information

Dear parent or carer,

I wanted to take a further opportunity to provide you with information regarding the teacher assessment of pupils currently in Year 11 and Year 13.

In the coming weeks, following a period of moderation, teachers will be entering the final grade for each subject. All final grades are strictly evidence based. We have added detailed information to our website outlining the evidence base for each subject.

This can be accessed at: <https://netherstowe.staffs.sch.uk/students/exams/>

If pupils are unclear about any of the information contained on the document, they should speak to their subject teacher for clarification.

Teachers will use the evidence listed and will consider:

- The content covered by the assessment being used as evidence.
- The authenticity of the evidence. For example, how confident is the teacher that the evidence provided is the pupil's own work?
- The level of control the assessment was completed in. For example, was it taken in timed conditions? What was the level of supervision?
- The level of support provided to the student in preparing for and completing the assessment.

Once the evidence is considered in light of the questions above, teachers will reach a judgement about how evidence is weighted in an individual student's final grade. The final grade is a holistic view of the standard a pupil is working at – not an aggregation. If a pupil has not been able to complete an assessment for any reason, it will not be weighed against them. As you will be aware, we are not able to share final grades with you in advance of the results days in August.

We are aware that some students have experienced exceptional circumstances, such as serious illness, and we have already taken that into account. If you believe your child is in this category and that a piece of evidence should not be taken into special consideration please inform, Mr Shaw, Deputy Headteacher by email, using the following address: ashaw@netherstowe.com explaining the reasons why specific evidence should not be taken into consideration no later than **Friday 28th May**.

I must emphasise that the mitigating circumstances must be very significant in order for us to make a judgement, as we also need to justify our decisions to the exam boards. For example, an adjustment requested as a result of ill-health must be accompanied by evidence from a medical professional.

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I must also remind you of Ofqual's guidance outlining the school's responsibility to, 'avoid teachers being put under pressure from students, parents or carers to submit grades that are higher than the evidence supports.' We are required to keep a record and report any incidents to the exam boards, which could then be considered malpractice. I know you and your children will continue to respect our staff as they carry out their professional responsibilities and I thank you for your support in this respect.

The results days this year are:

A / AS Level and Level 3 Qualifications	10th August
GCSE and Level 2 Qualifications	12th August

Further information will be provided, next term, outlining the exact arrangements for the collection of results.

Finally, I also wanted to express further deep appreciation for the excellent work and determination of our Year 11 and Year 13 students. As they reach the end of their studies, they have demonstrated exceptional commitment and resilience in challenging circumstances, and we have been thoroughly proud of how they have approached their work and additional assessments.

Best regards,

Mr G Langston-Jones
Headteacher

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