

27 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Praising Stars 5  
Year 10,11, 12 & 13**

As you will be aware from previous correspondence in March, the deadline for Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) to be submitted to the exam boards is 18 June 2021 and our intention was to continue to send home Praising Stars reports. However, we are now at a point where we are nearing the submission date for TAGs and have therefore made the decision NOT to share Praising Stars 5 data with you as we now feel that we are too close to the TAGs deadline. The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has instructed all schools not to share TAGs with students.

Over the last few months, teachers have been collating all the evidence needed to justify the final TAG grades. The exam boards will then carry out a quality assurance process on the grades which could result in the grades being amended. Final grades will be available to students on the following dates:

- A Level results - Tuesday, 10 August 2021
- GCSE results - Thursday, 12 August 2021

We will confirm arrangements for the distribution of results nearer the time.

Whilst we have gone through possibly the most turbulent times in education ever your children have been a credit. They have demonstrated resilience to ensure they are not disadvantaged and have been committed to the very different assessment procedures this year. We will dearly miss our Year 11 and 13 cohorts in the academy but we are confident they will be successful in their next steps, utilising both their qualifications and the personal attributes they have developed over these most challenging times.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June Year 10 & 12 will return to the academy, using this next half term to set the important foundations for their final year at their current stage. Whilst Year 11 and 13 will move onto our Google based blended learning platform, as shared in a separate letter and communicated with students through tutor periods.

We hope you have a relaxing half-term break with opportunity to enjoy the more relaxed restrictions with friends and family.

Yours faithfully



**Andy Scruby**  
**Principal**