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27th April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 13 Assessments – Commencing 10th May

Barr Beacon School
www.barrbeaconschool.co.uk

In order for us to have the widest possible range of reliable, recent and consistent evidence to inform our grading judgements, all students will complete one more short assessment for each of their subjects. These assessments will take place starting from 10th May. To support our students who will be celebrating Eid, we will not schedule assessments on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May.

The assessments will be conducted in test conditions with all students sitting the same assessment at the same time for each course. For example, all of Year 13 will sit their English literature assessment at the same time so no one can be advantaged by knowing what specific questions are going to be asked. Where students are entered for exams with tiers (higher/foundation) everyone on that tier will sit their paper together, which may be at a different time to the other tier.

Although we are not permitted to provide students with the exam questions themselves, we are permitted to share with them the topics that will be featured on these assessments. This will enable them to focus their revision. These details will be shared with students and, if you want to see them for yourself, a link to these details will be posted on our website by the end of this week. We will text you again when they are published. You will be able to access them here:

<https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/grades-overview-2021/>

We are in a fortunate position compared with some other schools because we have conducted several larger assessments recently with the whole cohort. This means that this final assessment will be substantially smaller than previous assessments, lasting **no more than 45 minutes** for each subject. There will be only **one assessment per subject**.

Rest assured that the performance on any one assessment will not determine an overall grade by itself. The full range of evidence will be taken into account.

Full details of the grading process are featured on our website (link above), including important upcoming dates. We also recommend everyone reads the guide produced for parents by the government. If you have not read this already, the direct link to this guide is here:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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