

Ref: SS/SG

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Dear Parent/carer,



You may be aware that there is a consultation currently following the Government's decision to cancel the summer examinations and replace with some other form of assessment. There are a number of suggestions regarding the form the assessment will take. However, it is clear that teacher assessment will be the basis for the awarding of grades, and, unlike last year where teachers were asked to predict grades students might have achieved if they had sat their examinations, this year it will be based on evidence of the standard at which students are performing and their demonstration of their knowledge, skills and understanding.

At this stage we do not know what guidance will be given regarding students entering their GCSEs early.

However, it is essential that students are working as hard as possible both with their remote learning currently and when they return to on-site provision, which we now believe may not be after half-term as we were hoping.

There is a proposal that the final assessments of a student's performance would take place in late May and early June. Before then, it is likely that we will have some examinations in school (as previously planned) to help us with our grade decisions so students can be revising work they covered last term in preparation for these exams.

When the results of the consultation are made available and we have a clearer picture of what is required we will let you know. In the meantime, thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you to ensure your child achieves the GCSE result they have worked towards and deserve.

If you have any queries or concerns with the work your child is doing at the moment please do not hesitate to contact school by phone or via info@saintpiusx.school

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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