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Dear Parent/Carer

Everyone at Lady Lumley's fully appreciate the challenges that our examination year students are under and the very different expectations there are from a 'normal' examination year. We appreciate that students are working through a marathon rather than the sprint of an examination series which brings with it a different approach to managing revision and mental health. Where students have missed work through self-isolation due to Covid or illness we have systems in place to ensure they will not be adversely affected.

Across all subjects, students are receiving a mixed diet of revision, assessment with feedback where that is useful for the next piece of work. These pieces of work are being compiled into assessment portfolios to build the evidence which will deliver a Teacher Assessed Grade. There has been regular reporting home on attitude to learning data to inform conversations at home to support students in school. This work is ongoing. As we gather the evidence, teachers are adjusting what still needs to be assessed to provide students with the best opportunity to achieve their best grade.

To ensure that all students have equal chance, staff are standardising their assessing, making sure they are uniform across the department. They are also moderating their assessment to mitigate unconscious bias by anonymising the pieces of work. This robust internal quality assurance is being complemented by subject specialists from other schools, ensuring we are assessing accurately within Lady Lumley's and beyond. Our Subject Leaders are making full use of the resources that exam boards are publishing and continue to refer to guidance as it emerges.

All Subject Leaders will be supported and challenged by Senior Leaders to ensure they are delivering a full and fair process to our students. As a school we will publish this week our Centre Policy for Assessed Grades which outlines to the 'Joint Council for Qualification' (JCQ) the process Lady Lumley's will go through. The following is a link to a 'Parents Advice' document that has been issued by JCQ and may be of interest to you:

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

When we have sufficient evidence to be secure on our students' performance, I will write to you again to outline the end of the assessment period and finalising leaving arrangements for Year 11 and 13. In the meantime, please do keep in touch with the relevant staff if you have any concerns. We will continue to do all we can to support our students and are grateful for your ongoing forbearance.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher