



# ST. HILD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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At St. Hild's Church of England School we aim to provide all of our pupils with a world class education in a Christian context.  
We expect to find God at work in our school.

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know there are no formal exams occurring this academic year. Instead, schools have been asked to produce a grade for all GCSE and BTEC courses. Guidance has been issued from the examination boards and JCQ on how to do this fairly and appropriately.

I am writing to you to inform you of the procedures we have put in place at St. Hild's Church of England School and to assure you we are doing all in our power to ensure your child gets the grade they have worked for.

Staff will use a range of evidence to arrive at a final grade in each subject, including performance in formal tests, which will be internally set and marked; the testing window begins on the **10<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. Our pupils have been informed about the evidence each department will use to arrive at this grade; you will find a summary of this information on our website, together with our policy document outlining how the school is intending to ensure the quality and fairness of the centre assessed grading which is free of bias. Work and assessments will be carefully scrutinised and standardised by other teachers and by senior staff to ensure this happens.

It is essential that all pupils make best use of the opportunities around intervention and on-line support that St. Hild's offers, in order that they stand the best chance of success around this time of assessment.

Grades will be submitted to the exam boards by the **18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. Year 11 will be expected to remain at school until their official leaving day on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

As a school we have been working with post-16 providers to put in place "bridging units" between the GCSE grading submission and the pupils leaving date to help prepare them for the next stage in their career as well as provide some much needed enrichment around the curriculum.

GCSE Results Day is on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021** and we will welcome the children into St. Hild's from 8.30am on that day. Full details to follow once government guidance is clear.

Before the Year 11 leave us, we will hold our 'Assembly of Light', Leavers' Celebration, and (Covid arrangements withstanding) the 'Prom'! More information to follow.

We have all been very impressed with how the Year 11 have returned to school after the post-Christmas lockdown. They have shown great maturity and resilience and I am very optimistic that they will do themselves proud.



*"I have come that they may have life in all its fullness." - John 10:10*



If you have any queries in relation to the content of this letter please don't hesitate to contact me via the Main Office

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Oren', with a horizontal flourish underneath.

Mr Richard Oren