



3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you in advance of tomorrow's Parents' Evening to allay any concerns you may have regarding the recently published assessment reports and any perceived impact they may have on students grades in GCSE Religious Studies this summer.

As I'm sure you are aware GCSE exams will not be taking place this summer and the assessment system that is to replace it is still under consultation with Ofqual. Until a further announcement is made and clarity provided about how students will be assessed, we strongly believe that the best way to proceed at the present time is to carry on delivering the courses as we had originally planned.

I would like to stress that the conversations you have with the teacher's tomorrow evening will be focused solely on how your child is doing in each of their courses and what they can do to improve. We ask kindly that you do not enquire about either the process by which your child will be assessed, or the potential grade that may be allocated to your child from their Religious Studies teacher as they are not in a position to answer these types of question.

We appreciate that this is a disconcerting and anxious time for both students and parents/carers, but I can reassure you we will be in contact with you as soon as the replacement assessment process has been confirmed and we will always take a comprehensive view of students if asked for our assessment.

Kind Regards,

Mr Pightling  
Associate Senior Leader and Head of Religious Studies