



# EMPOWER

LEARNING ACADEMY TRUST



## GCSE Grading 2021

*Information for parents and students*  
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## So far...

- Government announced cancellation of GCSE's for the second year in a row and that grades would be set by teachers instead.
- Students have returned to full time education in school and are continuing with their GCSE courses.

## Next steps...

- Teaching, learning and assessment will continue next half term.
- Teachers will use a range of evidence (new and existing) to decide grades.
- Students will know what evidence is being used.
- Exam boards will provide materials to support the assessment and grading process.
- Teachers' grades will be moderated in and across schools in the Trust.



## What next...

- Students need to remain focused on learning and preparing for assessments.
- Most assessments will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> May but there may be assessments after this date, particularly if a student has missed school due to self isolation or illness.
- We will identify the most relevant sources of assessment evidence for each subject ensuring that work used as evidence:
  - ✓ is substantial in its nature
  - ✓ was completed, unaided, by the student
  - ✓ reflects the content and assessment criteria set out by the exam board
  - ✓ was completed by the majority of students doing the course.
- Most recent assessments are likely to be more accurate so it is imperative that students continue to do their best for the remainder of Year 11.



## What to expect...

The assessments carried out next term will vary in style, duration and focus. They are likely to include a range of:

- Formal assessments that reflect the content and structure of an exam
- NEA based work
- Substantial classwork and homework tasks.

Teachers will try to give students as much notice as possible of assessments so they can adequately prepare and perform at their best. Students will only be assessed on the content they have been taught.

Exam boards will carry out quality assurance checks to ensure schools have awarded grades fairly in and line with their expectations.

In addition, there will be a national framework for appeals which our Academies will follow.



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## Key dates...

**19<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> May: Completion of assessments**

**27<sup>th</sup> May to 11<sup>th</sup> June: Grade setting and standardisation within schools and across the Empower Learning Academy Trust**

**18<sup>th</sup> June: Final day for schools to submit GCSE grades**

**12<sup>th</sup> August: GCSE Results Day**



# Thank You



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