



# Nunthorpe Academy

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Dear Parents, Carers Students

We are now 7 days into our return from National lockdown and have now completed the LF testing for all those who consented. Year 11 have returned in a positive frame of mind although we are aware of the many concerns students have regarding their completion of Year 11.

We are well aware that both students and parents will be wondering about the processes they may need to go through in order for subject teachers to award their respective grades.

As we await the further guidance and support materials from specific exam boards there are some things we can say with certainty:

1. What matters most is that students get the opportunity to enjoy being back in school; now is about consolidating the curriculum whilst assessment will, mainly follow after the Easter break.
2. Students will continue to be assessed on what they have studied over the last two years.
3. We are building processes around assessment and grading to ensure grades are as fair as possible. (Assessments that have already taken place, have helped formulate data already shared in DC1 and DC2 interim reports and this will give students and parents a good idea of where we are starting from; data collected from study in Year 10 and study completed in Year 11 to date will form a part of the evidence teachers will use to arrive at a final grade.
4. Teachers in the Academy will share with students information regarding the assessment evidence that they are going to use to produce a final grade. However, the final grade will only be shared by the relevant exam board on the results day 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> August respectively for A Level and GCSE Level.
5. The Academy and teachers will be working directly from exam board guidance. Grades across departments will be moderated and quality assured internally and are then subject to verification by external moderation and checks.
6. There will be no one off terminal assessment in any subject; a number of assessments will be used from both past learning and during the period between 12<sup>th</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> May.

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7. Some subjects will collect all their data from ongoing class based assessments, whilst other assessments will be carried out in the main Sports hall in a similar format as the November assessments.

What can parents and students do now?

1. Ensure that the student attends school every day equipped and ready to learn.
2. Engage fully with lesson content and the assessment process.
3. Ensure they produce work of their highest efforts to evidence their ability.
4. Ensure they complete all their home-learning to the best of their ability and on time.
5. Ensure they are planning and revising in preparation for their assessments.

All the points above are vitally important, the Academy will strive to do all we can to settle and support students during the remaining time in school and in being able to evidence their ability.

We will:

1. Prior to the Easter break provide an overview of assessments across all subjects covering the period between 12<sup>th</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> May.
2. Provide students with a topic list covering each assessment.
3. Provide opportunities for students to fill any gaps in their assessment evidence
4. Provide multiple opportunities in each subject for each student to demonstrate what they know or can do.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely,

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