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## Dear Parent/Carer of Year 13

To accompany the letter from Mrs Hopkinson we write with more information about how the awarding of grades will work for students at The Priory Academy LSST. As previously stated, the process to determine results for our students for summer 2021 requires us to gather a range of evidence from throughout the course. This evidence can be past or future and could include a wide range of material from modular grades, classwork, homework, inclass tests, annual examinations, coursework and practical activities. We will use the time up to the end of the next module, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, to build and collate this evidence portfolio.

Lessons throughout the module will be used to build the portfolio. We will want students to perform as well as possible so we will carefully prepare them for any assessed activities during the module. It is not our aim to present material that will prevent students from showing their full potential. Teachers will prepare classes for the sessions they will have and inform them of when in-class assessments will take place.

The Year 13 timetable will run normally other than for two weeks of the module: the week commencing Monday 3rd May and Monday 17th May. During these weeks, for subjects that have more than one teaching group, students will complete assessment work simultaneously which will require some timetable adjustment. This will ensure fairness to students as no group will see questions before other students. These will take place in normal lessons times of period 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 using the New Hall which is inside the Year 13 'bubble'. This is to accommodate the students very easily within Covid restrictions. Therefore, at these times, some students may need to attend a subject assessment session rather than their normal lesson. The schedule for this is below.

	Lessons	Date	Subject	Date	Subject
Mon	1	3 May	Bank Holiday	17 May	Business St
	2				History
	3				Physics
	4				
	5				
Tues	1	4 May	English Lit	18 May	
	2				
	3				
	4		Maths		Geography
	5		Physics		Biology
Wed	1	5 May		19 May	English Lit
	2		Chemistry		Maths
	3		Sociology		Psychology
	4		Further Maths		

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Thurs	1	6 May			
	2				Further Maths
	3		Business St		
	4		History		Chemistry
	5		Psychology		Sociology
Fri	1	7 May		21 May	
	2		Geography		
	3		Biology		
	4				
	5				

Assessments both in-class and in the New Hall will typically last for 45 minutes which will allow any student entitled to additional time the opportunity to complete them during the lesson period. The examination team will be on hand to help with administration. In addition, all subjects will use normal lesson time over the next module to give students chance to review curriculum content, add to their portfolio and do similar activities to validate and moderate their evidence.

Teachers, led by their Head of Departments, are aware of the schedule and are planning the material to be used. We have not had sight of the sample material from the examination boards as yet. We may or may not be able to use this for some of the sessions, but in any assessments, teachers will use questions in the style of KS5 courses with which students are familiar.

All students in Year 13 will need to be available in the Academy until the Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We may need to use the time after the half term break to collate further evidence should there be any issues which have prevented this, such as absence.

It is imperative the students continue to attend lessons, work hard and listen to their teachers for further information over the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

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