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Dear Parents, Carers and Students.

As you are aware the exams for Summer 2021 are not going ahead as planned and schools have been asked to generate teacher assessed grades. These grades will be based on a range of evidence based on students' performance on the subject content they have been taught. In the coming half term further evidence will be collected and assessed before grades are moderated and submitted to the exam boards before the 18th June.

For every subject, exam boards require each school and college to submit a grade for each student, based on a range of evidence which demonstrates the standard at which they are performing at now. In order to ensure the grades awarded and submitted to the exam boards reflect a fair, reasonable and carefully considered judgement of a student's performance we have created a calendar of Evidence Collection Activities (ECAs) for the next half term. You will see from the calendar when we plan to arrange assessments that will be used to support the evidence collection process. The next half term will be a busy period for students in year 11, 12 and 13 as we bring all of this evidence together.

The ECA calendar has been carefully put together to ensure that students have the best opportunity to show us what they know. We have worked with subject leaders to make sure that the timetable is well balanced and that students who would normally have had access arrangements in public exams receive the same support in the assessments that will take place over the next half term. All assessments will take place in normal classrooms and none are more than an hour long with most being between 30 and 45 minutes long. As you will see from the ECA calendar, lessons will continue through the next half term providing opportunities for teachers to go over the topics and subject content that will be assessed. We are doing everything we can to ensure that all of our students have an equal and fair opportunity to do their very best in this period of evidence collection.

We have put in place extensive moderation processes to ensure that evidence is assessed fairly too. Assessments that take place next half term will be approved by exam boards and grades awarded according to nationally published criteria. Teachers are working in teams to moderate evidence to ensure that these criteria are fairly applied. The Government guidance is clear that we will not be able to discuss grades with students or parents during this evidence collection period. The grades will only be published to students on results days that commence in the week beginning 10th August.

In order to support our students, departments have created a Virtual school folder Revision for ECAs which will have guidance of the suggested revision activities to use to prepare over Easter should students wish to do so.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via [eca@lordgrey.org.uk](mailto:eca@lordgrey.org.uk)

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