

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: English and Maths GCSE TAG (Teacher Assessed Grades) – Process

I am writing to you regarding how the above process will work this year so that your young person can receive a grade for their GCSE English/Maths. Your young person will be required to sit several assessments before the end of May that will then be used to calculate their grade.

Mock exams will run from the week beginning 22nd March for two weeks. For GCSE English the first mock paper is paper 1 (Creative) and in the second week it will be paper 2 (Writer Viewpoints and Perspectives). For GCSE Maths the first paper will be non-calculator and in the second week it will be a calculator paper.

We are asking all students to bring the correct equipment with them for their mock exams. The following is a list of equipment each student will require:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Highlighter

For maths only, the following also:

- Compass
- Protractor
- Calculator

For those students who normally receive additional time or support, this will be in place.

Week commencing 3rd May and 17th May, 'Targeted Questions' will take place in class for both subjects. These are the final part of the TAG process for the students. The students will complete these assessments and then all marks will be put together to generate a teacher assessed grade.

If a student misses one of these lessons, we will look at using the results from their last progress test. If they did not complete this, the 'teacher assessed grade' will be based upon what has been completed.

This year, the results day is Thursday 12th August.

Please can I ask you to encourage your young person to attend these important assessment sessions to give them the best opportunity of receiving a grade that reflects their ability.

Thank you for your anticipated help. If there are any questions, please ask the student to talk to their maths or English teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards

Claire Scott

Faculty Head

Basingstoke College of Technology