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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 11 Examination Series & GCSE Grading

As we have now entered the examination season for our Year 11 students, I would like to wish all our students the very best of luck during this time.

I appreciate that preparing for GCSEs can be a challenging time for the entire family, and we will as always be supportive of our students during this time. In the final days of revision, we are offering a number of key sessions and all our students have personalised time-tables.

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, students will begin their study leave officially. Chalk Hills staff will make students aware of any coursework completion or revision sessions they need to attend, and a number of options subjects will benefit from this opportunity.

As a parent or carer, I would like to make you aware that the GCSE examination grading system is changing. GCSEs will be graded on a new scale of 9 to 1, with 9 the highest grade, rather than the current A\* to G, to distinguish clearly between the reformed and unreformed qualifications. The government and Department for Education (DfE) have specified that the new GCSE syllabuses will include more challenging and knowledge-based content with exams only at the end of the course. There is less non-exam assessment too. English language, English literature and Maths will be the first to be graded from 9 to 1 in 2017. On our website, you will find a useful information paper from the Association of School & College Leaders outlining answers to frequently asked questions.

Please click on the link below for further information:

<https://www.ascl.org.uk/utilities/document-summary.html?id=69F56F50-EB1B-4E8B-BEE6C8F67A32C9A9>

Students will receive their results on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August** at the Academy. The Academy will be open to students from 10am.

Staff will be on hand to offer support and guidance. We will also be enrolling students into our Sixth-Form from this date onwards. As well as our own Sixth-Form, we will welcome Barnfield College who will also offer support and advice.

I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students in August.

Best wishes,



Louise Lee  
Principal