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Dear Parent/Carer/Year 11 student

Coronavirus Update 55: for parents and students in Year 11

First and foremost, happy Easter! I trust the upcoming weekend is both reflective and celebratory as we remember events in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago.

We don't normally write home in the holidays, of course! However, following the publication of further guidance about Centre-Assessed Grades from the Exam Boards in the last couple of days of term, we've been putting together a schedule of upcoming assessments for Year 11 (see attached). Students have been told about a number of these dates already, but we felt it might be appropriate to put them all together in one place for ease of reference.

In line with the Exam Board guidance, these assessments are intended to be used as **part** of the evidence to inform the grades we will be submitting for each student next term.

- The assessments will take place in under exam conditions in classrooms (so that we comply with Covid-19 restrictions).
- Students entitled to specific access arrangements (such as extra time) will be supervised in Room 42.
- We'll be putting in place several measures to reduce the risk of unconscious bias when the assessments are marked. For example, students must **not** write their names on their scripts – just their candidate numbers.
- After the work has been completed, assessments (and any additional evidence) will be held securely in school, ensuring availability in the event of inspection or appeal.

If you have any questions about this schedule, please contact Mr Slater by e-mail at sslater@stmargaretsacademy.com. This e-mail address will be monitored daily next week (but not over the Easter weekend).

We are not yet in a position to advise you when the Year 11 leaving date will be (although I can confirm it will be no later than Friday 25th June). As soon as we are, we will let you know.

Yours faithfully

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Stephen Brierley
Principal.