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Dear parent/carer

Further to my letter of the 17th March I'm writing to give further details about our approach to the Centre Assessed Grade process that that has replaced this year's summer examination series. The following information outlines our intended approach whilst we await the release of final guidance and assessment materials from the examination boards due during the Easter break. Please be assured that everyone at The Garibaldi School will work diligently to ensure that your child receives the grades that their continued hard work and dedication deserves.

As previously communicated students will be assessed on the content that their teachers are confident has been taught well despite COVID disruption. This will include a range of evidence including classwork, homework, previous assessment, past performance data and ongoing evidence gathering opportunities (EGOs). Teachers have already used strong evidence from earlier in courses to inform progress check data previously shared with you.

To compliment this evidence, students will have the opportunity to further demonstrate their knowledge and understanding through in class EGOs in controlled conditions during the next half term. Usual access arrangements will be provided for those students entitled to them. EGOs will be based on a combination of exam board materials yet to be released and bespoke assessment tasks that reflect course content and skills taught over the past three years.

Over the coming days we will be publishing Half Term 5 Overviews on the school website for all subject areas in Year 11 and 13. These set out the focus of consolidation work and the placing of evidence gathering opportunities so there is clarity for students, parents and carers on what the half term will look like.

The Year 11 Half Term 5 Overviews can be found here:

https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/page.php?d=year11&p=y11-revision-guidance

This section can be reached from the home page by selecting the Year groups tab, then Year 11 and clicking on Year 11 HT5 Overview and Revision Guidance from the left-hand menu. Subjects are then listed.

The Year 13 Half Term 5 Overviews can be found here:

https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/page.php?d=sixth&p=y13-revision-guidance

This section can be reached from the home page by selecting the Sixth Form Noticeboard tab, clicking on Year 11 HT5 Overview and Revision Guidance from the left-hand menu. Subjects are then listed.

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We will also be publishing specific revision guidance for each subject area on these pages to support preparation for the Half Term 5 provision. These sections will be populated in coming days so students can make use of the guidance during the Easter break.

Finally, I would like to take this this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during what has been a uniquely challenging set of circumstances. Your constant messages of kindness and support have been invaluable and continues to highlight the excellent partnership that exists between The Garibaldi School and home.

I wish you and your family a happy and healthy Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely

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