

## **TAG Update 4: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

This week our Subject Leaders have had detailed training about the process of gathering, storing and using assessment evidence.

When deciding the grades which students will be awarded, **teachers must base these grades on the evidence obtained from assessments of work that students have been taught.**

Students are continuing to complete assessments across their subjects over the next few weeks. Teachers must keep these assessments once they have been marked. The scores for these assessments can be given to students but the school will not be giving any grades to students until they are released by the exam boards on the results days on August 10<sup>th</sup> (A, AS and BTEC L3) or August 12<sup>th</sup> (GCSE and BTEC L2)

The Subject Leaders are currently deciding how to 'weight' the evidence that is being collected. This is important because assessments have been completed at different times across the courses and under different conditions. As a general guide, assessments which are more recent will have a higher weighting as will those which have been completed under more 'controlled' conditions.

Next week teachers will be training with their subject teams so that we achieve the best levels of fairness and consistency in our grading decisions. The decisions which are made by teachers about grades must be objective, based on the evidence which the students have produced.

This week I've recorded a video to help explain some of the key issues that are relevant for students and teachers at this time.

Our overall message for students this week is –

*Please keep working hard because what you do over the next few weeks will make a difference!*