

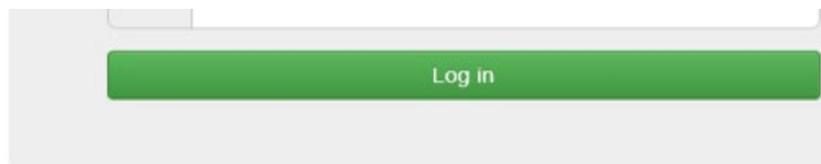
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Dear parents and carers,

Year 13 Interim Progress Reports

The latest census reports for Year 13 are now available for you to view, via the Insight tab of the Caroline Chisholm School website. A direct link to Insight is provided below for your convenience:

information.ccs.northants.sch.uk/Info.aspx



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If you need a reminder of your username and password, please request one by following the link "Don't know your password?", as found on the login screen (see above).

The reports for your child can be found via "Reports" tab on the tool bar and then by clicking the relevant report "~KS5 Report Year 13 Spring Term 2021".

You will notice that we have not given a predicted grade for students at this census, and our reasons are outlined below.

Cancellation of Exams

You will already be aware that summer exams have been cancelled this year and students will instead receive a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG). It would be premature for us to advise on the grading process at this point as consultation has only recently closed, and we are awaiting further guidance from the government. You may recall, in relation to examinations last year, that schools were 'drip fed' information over a period of eight weeks.

All we can confirm at present is that grades will not be decided in the same way as Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) were last year, and no algorithms will be involved in final calculations. We are advising teachers to continue teaching course content and, where possible, assess students as opportunities arise.

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We are aware of news reports suggesting students may sit open book exams, online exams and/or smaller internal exams; however, nothing has been confirmed at this stage and we await further directives from Ofqual. It may be several weeks before we have all the necessary information, and we will strive to communicate key points to you as we learn more detail.

We would like to reassure both you and your child that the PPE results from earlier in the school year and current census data will not be the sole data used to determine final TAGs. We believe numerous pieces of information, past, present and future, will contribute to the teacher grade. Several subjects have a coursework element in addition to, or instead of an exam, and others examine only one paper as part of their PPE, whereas their final exam may have two or three papers and a coursework element.

There is still time and opportunity for all students to continue progressing, improving, and showing their teachers what they are capable of. For now, our advice to the entire cohort is to attend all live lessons. If they are unable to attend for reasons such as illness, we ask they or you please contact us. The lesson recordings will be posted on the Teams channel for students to catch up when they are able to. Students should complete all assignments to the best of their ability and ask teaching staff if there is anything they are unsure of or need help with before submitting. Teachers are closely monitoring attendance and work submission and will contact students and parents directly to raise any concerns.

Census 2 Reports

Due to the change in circumstances around the Year 13 exams, we have not included teacher predictions with this census report, although target grades are available. As previously outlined, the target grades published in the student reports are aspirational. They are calculated nationally using student GCSE results. We would expect students to exceed their targets with the right work ethic! We ask that students initiate conversations with their teachers if they wish to learn how to meet or even exceed target grades and if they feel they are not performing as they would hope at the current time.

Yours faithfully,



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