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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware GCSE grades for students will this year be decided through a process of teacher-assessment.

You may also be aware that as a school we decided to cancel the planned March mock exams on students' return to school as we didn't feel that these would allow students to showcase themselves in their best light so quickly on their return to school.

The mock exams have therefore been replaced by a series of formal teacher assessments which will take place in classrooms and last for no longer than 45 minutes. The assessments will take place in the final two weeks of this term and will be part of the evidence we use to inform teacher assessments.

There will be a second window of assessments that take place from the 3 May to 17 May which will be based on the materials that exam boards publish over Easter. There may be an opportunity for students to retake these assessments over the half term holiday.

Your child has been given a copy of the [timetable for the first assessments](#) and this is also available on the school website.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in school (email: claire.stopard@bulwellacademy.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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