



Dear Year 11 students, parents and carers,

As promised, I said I would let you know when the Government and Ofqual updated us with regard to how they will be calculating the grades for GCSE and A-Level qualifications following the cancellation of exams as a result of Covid-19.

I would once again ask that you **trust us to be doing the right thing for you** all based on our full knowledge of your ability, based on all of the work we have seen you produce during the course, your engagement and commitment to your learning and the coursework and assessments you have completed in full or in part.

Ofqual have said that, "For this summer's awards, **schools and colleges are being asked to provide centre assessment grades for their students**. These should be fair, objective and carefully considered judgements of the grades schools and colleges believe their students would have been most likely to achieve if they had sat their exams, and should take into account the full range of available evidence." The deadline for us to provide this information will be the end of May at the earliest, so we have plenty of time to liaise with your teachers to get this right. Ofqual will then undertake some quality assurance work on the results submitted looking at a number of factors, before releasing the final grades to you as students.

Most importantly teachers will make their judgement based on information that they already have, so there is no need to continue to compete coursework or any additional work as this will not and can not be taken in to consideration. Furthermore the grades will not be released with students until the exam boards have moderated and completed the necessary checks. You will receive your grades as soon as we are allowed to release them to you, details of which will be shared in due course.

There will also be a process for you to appeal, if once the results are released you are unhappy with the grade awarded. On this basis, it is critical that you keep all school work (exercise books), coursework, PPE papers etc in case these are needed to evidence any appeal you wish to make. There will also be an opportunity, probably in November, if you wish to sit the examination to try and improve on the grade you are awarded,

Ofqual have not yet released the information on how vocational qualifications will be assessed (e.g. BTECs, RSL, NCFE etc) but it is expected that this will follow a similar model and I will update you again when this information is released.

Ofqual have produced **a letter for all students** affected by this process and you can read this here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

They have also produced more detailed information for parents/carers which you can show to your families if they wish to read about what will happen in more detail. This can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf



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For those of you with more time on your hands than you know what to do with, the full details sent out to schools can be read here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020?utm_source=68820985-2466-4b6a-806f-1666ceaad64d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Please contact me if you have any concerns at all. I am available to answer any questions whether related to this or anything else. If you wish me to give you a call to talk things through please just ask.

All the best

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