



Dear Parent/ Carers and Students of Year 11/13,

The government have today released information regarding the awarding of grades for GCSE and A Levels this summer. Please find attached a letter to students, that comes from Ofqual, to explain the process that will be used. As a school we are currently reviewing the information released and will take the necessary actions to support appropriate and fair student achievement in the summer. Guidance on vocational qualifications is not yet available. If appropriate, we will outline further information as and when we get it.

I would like to draw your attention to a few points from the attached letter:

- Staff will provide 'predicted grades' using the information outlined in the letter, but the final 'calculated grade' awarded will be decided by the relevant exam board.
- Students are not required to complete any additional work to secure a grade.
- Students (and by extension parents/ carers) should NOT ask teachers or anyone else at the school to inform them of the grade they will be sending to the exam boards. This is in part because standardisation processes involving a national dataset may mean grades submitted are adjusted prior to them being released. All our staff have been instructed to NOT respond to any such requests.
- The aim is to ensure that students are not disadvantaged in their progress to sixth form, college, university, apprenticeships, training or work because of these unprecedented conditions.

We understand that this is an unusual end to GCSE and 'A' level studies for students in Year 11 and 13. Our staff will take time, using the guidance available, to carefully consider the most appropriate predicted grades for our students.

Wishing you all the best over the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

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