

Dear parents/carers,

We have received a number of enquiries from parents recently who are understandably concerned about their child's final course grade in light of exams having been cancelled this year. We wanted to reassure you that we are doing everything possible to follow a fair and professional methodology when awarding grades for all our students.

In line with the Ofqual guidance, all staff will use their professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade they believe a student would have achieved had they sat their exams this year. You can rest assured that we will be taking into account the full range of available evidence when we grade students - including non-exam assessment; the results of any homework assignments or mock exams; and any other records of student performance over the course of study. This evidence will be checked by school leaders and standardised across the cohort to ensure all judgements are fair and accurate.

It should be noted that once we submit our centre assessments to the exam boards, the grades will then go through a process of matching against expected national outcomes and so the grade we submit will not necessarily be the final grade they are awarded in the summer. Ofqual have asked that "schools and colleges do not share provisional grades, nor rank orders, with students or parents and carers", therefore we will not be able to provide any idea of grades at this time.

Ofqual are intending to put arrangements in place for some students to sit the exam in the Summer 2021 season should they feel the grade they are awarded does not adequately reflect the grade they would have achieved in the final exam.

More information on this process can be found in the Ofqual guidance which is attached or can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>

The results' days for the awarded grades this year are:

- Thursday 13th August 2020 for Sixth form
- Thursday 20th August for Year 11

We look forward to celebrating with your child on these days.

Yours faithfully



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