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Dear Parent or Carer

Re: Year 11 PPE grades

Further to my previous letter regarding the awarding of qualifications to students this year, I am writing to give you an update on the PPE grades which were due to be distributed to students this week.

We have decided that it is not appropriate or relevant to share the PPE grades with students at this point in time. PPE grades are not necessarily reflective of the final grade that they will be awarded; they are a grade awarded for the exams sat in these PPEs. It could be the case that your child performed well in the PPE and achieved a reflective overall grade; however, it could be that your child did not perform as well as they could have done and did not achieve a reflective grade. We are sensitive to your child's emotional well-being at an already challenging time, and do not want to add to their anxiety by issuing them a grade that may not reflect the overall grade they will be awarded.

The examination boards are currently working out a fair system to ensure that students are awarded the grade and qualification they deserve. Once we have clear guidance on the process and we will be in the position to calculate a fair grade and submit it to the examination board.

However, if you do wish to have the PPE grades sent to you via email please send an email to clhs@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk giving your name and the name of your child. If this matches the email we hold on file you will be sent the results, if it does not match our records we will contact you on your telephone number to confirm your identity. Once you are in receipt of the grades, we urge you to stress to your child that the PPE results are reflective of their performance of these exams and are **not** necessarily reflective of the final grade they will be awarded.

We understand that some students are concerned that sixth form and colleges are waiting for their PPE results before offering places. All sixth forms and colleges understand the situation we are in, and I would urge students to contact the providers to seek assurance. If providers wish to seek confirmation about a student's overall performance, please ask them to get in touch with the school.

As soon as I know more about the way the grades will be awarded I will be in touch. Thank you for your support in this very difficult situation.

Yours sincerely



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