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Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: Awarding of grades**

Following my most recent letter and as you will have read in the news recently, OfQUAL and the DfE have released details of how pupils will be awarded examination grades this summer.

Pupils will receive grades determined by their teachers. For GCSEs, OfQUAL will be giving clear guidance on how teachers will use a range of evidence to assess pupils, including coursework as well as optional questions from exam boards. For BTECs and other vocational qualifications there will be a similar approach, using exams and coursework already completed alongside work being completed during the lock-down and after the return to school. Please be assured students will only be assessed on what they have been taught.

Results will be submitted to exam boards no later than 18th June and there will be a results day in the summer, which has been moved forward to **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August**. Every pupil will have the right to appeal their grade. The details of what constitutes grounds for appeal, and the process for that appeal, will be released to schools in due course and will be shared with pupils and parents.

I recognise that this has been a period of uncertainty for pupils and I can reassure them that we are committed to helping them to achieve the grade they deserve. I urge them to remain fully engaged and to be submitting work to teachers so that we can provide evidence to exam boards as needed. We are waiting for further guidance and working to finalise the procedure for deciding the pupil results and I shall keep you informed of developments later this term and into the summer. As with the process last summer, teachers will not be able to discuss potential grades with pupils or parents.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Mr Williams or myself.

Yours sincerely



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