



## GUISELEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

### **Awarding of GCSE and A-level Grades – Summer 2021**

I am writing to you to outline some of the initial information we have about the awarding of grades this summer. Ofqual published its final recommendations on 25 February and we would like to offer our thanks to you for your patience with regard to this process. We still wait for final plans to be published by each exam board. You can find full details from Ofqual here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/965005/674-7-1\\_decisions\\_-\\_GQ\\_consultation\\_on\\_awarding\\_grades\\_in\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/965005/674-7-1_decisions_-_GQ_consultation_on_awarding_grades_in_2021.pdf)

### **How will GCSE and A-level grades be awarded?**

As you know, the government has confirmed that no external examinations will take place this summer. Instead, for A-levels and GCSEs, teachers will assess the standard at which each student is performing based on what they have been taught. The grades students are awarded will reflect what they know, understand and can do and teachers will use a range of indicators to inform their judgements. A-level and applied general results will be published on 10 August and GCSE results on 12 August.

We have started to plan out this process and will continue to work closely with the exam boards as they publish their assessment plans. Our aim is to work with all of our students over the coming weeks to ensure that no child is disadvantaged by the process, and that they have enough opportunities to demonstrate what they know, and can do. This will be evidenced through a wide range of assessment mechanisms prior to the submission of a centre assessed grade.

We will release final plans for end of term dates for Year 11 and 13 groups shortly after Easter, but we can confirm that they will not be required to attend beyond 25 June.

I will write to you again after Easter to confirm our final plans, once the final plans have been published by each exam board.

Kind regards

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