



PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

Wednesday 6th January

The Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, has just confirmed that there will be no GCSE, AS or A Level exams in the summer.

Instead final grades will be a form of Teacher Assessed Grades.

The form of these Teacher Assessed Grades, and when they will be calculated, has not yet been determined. Ofqual will launch the consultation about this next week. Last year Teacher Assessed Grades were submitted in May and were calculated on the basis of the most likely grade the student would have achieved in their final examinations, had they taken place.

All I can advise to our GCSE, AS and A Level students at this point in time is to continue to engage as fully as you can with the learning in your GCSE, AS and A Level subjects, currently via online learning, and try to always produce work to the best of your ability. This will mean that your teacher has evidence, when the criteria and the time comes, to award you a Teacher Assessed Grade, to reflect this ability.

With regard to BTEC no changes were announced today. BTECs will continue be assessed through coursework assignments and/or examined units depending whether they are QCF (Year 13: coursework only) or RQF (Year 12: coursework and exam). My advice to our BTEC students is to ensure that your formally assessed coursework is completed to the best of your ability, and that if you do have examinations in January, or thereafter through to June, prepare for these carefully, and do your very best in these examinations too. All formal assessment will count towards your final grade.

The key to success is to keep working hard.

Kind regards

Angela Williams

Principal

