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Dear Student

I hope that you and your family are well.

Ofqual released some additional guidance about the cancellation of GCSE examinations this morning. The information provided can be located by clicking on the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/87784/2/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf

They have also asked us to distribute this letter to all Year 11 students:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/87783/0/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

In summary:

- As a school we will be asked to submit a grade for each student, for each subject. This must be based on the evidence that we have collated over the time you have been studying for your GCSEs. This might be different from the forecast grades on your recent report.
- We will also be asked to rank order all students based upon the same evidence.
- The awarding bodies (exam boards) will then look at our suggested grades and standardise them based on the school's previous outcomes. We will therefore not know what grade you will be awarded until the results are released.
- They are hoping that results will be available at some point in August before the usual 'results day'.
- Students will be able to appeal their results although details of this process have not yet been released.
- If students are still unhappy with their results, there will be the opportunity for students to take an exam once schools reopen. Again, details of this have yet to be released.

It is due to the final point on this list that we will continue to provide work up to the date that you would normally have started study leave. I strongly encourage you to use your 'student code' to log in to Class charts and use these activities to continue to study during the school closure. If you do not have a student code for class charts please email enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

It is still unclear when schools will re-open but if you are not happy with your awarded grade then this time could be incredibly beneficial in preparing for any exams you opt to take.

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I also would like to take this opportunity to highlight a specific paragraph from the letter which states:

“Can I see the grades my school/college submits for me?”

No, this information will be confidential. Please don’t ask your teachers, or anyone else at your school or college, to tell you the grades they will be sending to the exam boards or where they have placed you in the order of students; they will not be allowed to share this with you.”

This statement makes is very clear that we are not allowed to discuss with students or parents the grades that we will be submitting. I therefore ask you not to email teachers asking for this information. Teachers will be unable to reply to such requests.

Hope to see you all soon

Yours faithfully

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