



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Year 11 Students and Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well during this difficult time.

We appreciate that you will be anxious to know more about how your GCSE grades will be awarded this summer, and how you can demonstrate progress while you are working at home. Please be assured that, whilst we await government instruction, your teachers are working very hard to ensure that you receive high quality online lessons with opportunities to be assessed and demonstrate your skills and knowledge.

## College Applications

In order to support you with your upcoming applications for college courses, your teachers have very carefully decided upon “college grades” for you. These have been moderated by middle and senior leaders to ensure they are a reliable reflection of the standard of work you have been able to produce to date, and a prediction of the progress we expect you to be able to make over the next few months. These grades are what you should use on your college applications, if asked. You will begin to receive your college grades via parentmail on Friday 29th January. Please do not email teachers to ask for them before this date.

It is important to note that your college grade is not the same as your final GCSE grade. Your final GCSE grade will be determined by:

1. The work and assessments you complete between now and July; these will provide your teachers with a fuller understanding of your progress and will result in an adjustment of grades accordingly (this could be both up or down)
2. Government guidance on how teacher assessed grades will be locally and nationally moderated.

Further, it is your final grades that will determine your college course acceptance, not these predicted grades.

## Parents' Evening and Progress Report

You will shortly be sent a progress report that includes:

- Attendance and punctuality data
- Conduct, praise and behaviour data
- College grades for each subject
- Effort, homework and organisation scores for each subject.

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You will begin to receive these reports via parentmail on Friday 29th January.

From 1st to 12th February your child's subject teachers will each be calling you to discuss your child's achievement and progress. This is to replace the Parents' Evening originally scheduled in January. Each call will last for approximately 5 minutes. While 5 minutes may feel quite short, please bear in mind that this is the same as we usually allow on parents' evenings. If your child is performing well and in line with expectations, please be aware that a subject teacher may feel that it is not necessary to speak to you at this time.

Teachers will be calling you from "blocked" phone numbers between 8.30am and 5.30pm. Please ensure you answer these calls. Please make subject teachers aware via the google classrooms if you are unable to accept calls at certain times.

## Government Exams Consultation

As a consequence of the Government decision to cancel GCSE exams, Ofqual and the Department for Education are currently seeking the views of students and their parents or carers on their proposed alternative approach.

A summary of the key proposals are outlined below:

- *students would continue with their education during this academic year*
- *students would be assessed by their teachers in May and June*
- *teachers would submit grades to the exam boards by mid-June*
- *external quality assurance by the exam boards would be ongoing throughout June*
- *results would be issued to students, most likely in early July*
- *student appeals could be submitted*

It is really important that you read the guidance carefully and take part in the consultation, **so that your opinions are heard**. Follow this link, scroll down to open the pdf of the suggestions, then scroll down further to "respond online" in order to give your views.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021?fbclid=IwAR17qXsPyLFqnNWmoTqElhZPXC9N57moPZrmYAQ9ieB4iKRDZIKByHpUC24>

The deadline for consultation is 29th January 2021.

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## Asking for help or advice

**To help you get the best possible grade in your GCSE, it is vital that you continue to engage in your online learning and independent study.** This is a stressful time, and we want to support you the best we can. If you have subject specific questions, please discuss these with your teachers when they call you for the “parents’ evening event”. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact one of the following members of staff:

**Ms A Ford - Careers Advisor, including support with college applications and pathways**

**Ms A Lebreton - Pastoral Achievement Leader for year 11**

Please contact them by emailing [info@littleilford.org](mailto:info@littleilford.org).

Yours faithfully

Ian Wilson  
Headteacher

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