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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. Please be assured that your teachers are working very hard to ensure that you receive the grades you deserve on results day in August. However, please bear in mind that once we submit our Centre Assessed Grades to the examination board, they will be moderated and could be changed.

In order to explain this process in more detail, I have set out some key points below:

- You will receive your grades on 20th August. No-one at the school can share or discuss your grade or rank with you at any point. Please do not ask any of your teachers to do so. We have been told that any external pressure from parents, carers or students must be reported to the exam boards who may investigate this as potential candidate malpractice.
- We will not be using any work that you have completed since school closed as evidence towards your GCSE. This includes any non-examination assessments or coursework. If you did not get a chance to complete your coursework in any subjects, this will be taken into consideration and you will not be disadvantaged.
- Any work that we have asked you to complete since school closure is designed to support you in:
 - preparing for college courses;
 - preparing to sit the exams in the autumn term or next year, should you choose to.
- The senior leadership team, curriculum team leaders and year 11 teachers are working collaboratively to ensure that the grades we submit are a fair reflection of the grades we believe you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned. We will be using all relevant evidence available to us to help with these decisions, including classwork, homework, mock exam results and other assessments.
- The grades we submit may be different to the grades you are awarded in August. This will be down to a moderation process conducted by the exam boards. The school is not allowed to share with you any changes in grades that were made by the moderation process.

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- There will be an appeals process. We will share details with year 11 students and parents when we know more details, and you can be sure that we will do our utmost to advocate for our students if we feel there has been an injustice.

For further information, please read this letter from Ofqual:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878854/Letter to students - Summer 2020 grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878854/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf)

Please also watch this short video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=26&v=VXuDOrtJY1Q&feature=emb_title

Yours faithfully

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Co-Headteachers