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Dear Parents and Carers,

The government has now stated that GCSE, AS Level and A Level grades will now be based on teacher assessments. Ofqual have begun a consultation process on whether 'exam style' assessments should be made available to schools for students to take in May and June, to provide additional evidence to support any teacher assessment.

Ofqual are also proposing that no further exams in BTEC or Cambridge National/Technical qualifications will be scheduled this year and a teacher assessed grade will be awarded based on a process to be determined by individual examination boards.

Furthermore, they are also proposing that final teacher assessed grades in all qualifications will be released in early July and a robust appeals process will follow, which will be administered by schools.

The outcomes of the consultation will be revealed in February. However, it is becoming clear that it is imperative **students continue to work hard in all their subject areas. This means students need to continue to complete the online classwork to the best of their ability and engage in all aspects of their remote learning.** Students need to be mindful that exam style assessments will still be happening this year, and that the outcomes of these assessments will form part of the decision making process when awarding grades. We want all students to receive grades that reflect their potential, and working hard will ensure that teachers have sufficient evidence with which to award a grade that reflects a student's abilities appropriately.

If you would like to view the consultation documents they are contained within the links below:

Btec and CamTech consultation:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/953003/6743-2_2021_VTQ_alternative_arrangements_consultation_15JAN21.pdf

A Level and GCSE consultation:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/953000/6743-1_GCSE_AS_and_A_level_grades_should_be_awarded_in_summer_2021.pdf

We will let you know the outcome of the consultation when it is released, and hopefully at that point we know exactly what the grading process will be for students this year.

Yours sincerely

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