



# SIR WILLIAM STANIER SCHOOL BULLETIN 6

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## Parents and Carers and Year 11 Students

I hope that you are all safe and well and are looking forward to your Easter break and the Challenge Mats that have been shared with you today. I know that many of you have been anxious about how your grades and qualifications will be awarded and have been working hard to complete work to the best of your ability.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 the school published the [OFQUAL letter](#) which offered an explanation of how grades are to be awarded with the hope that this would alleviate some pressure and stress. I have also attached a FAQ document that OFQUAL have also released called '[Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers: Summer 2020 grades for GCSE, AS and A level. Extended Project Qualification and Advanced Extension Award in Maths](#)'. **Please read these two documents carefully.**

In summary, we will be asked to send two pieces of information to our examination boards for each of your subjects based on what we know about your work and your achievements. The information is:

- The grade we anticipated you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned.
- Within each subject, we will be asked to provide a rank order of all students for each grade in each subject.

In arriving at these decisions, we have been asked to consider a range of factors such as classwork, homework, results in assignments or mock exams, any non-exam assessment or coursework that may have been completed and the general progress made during your course. The school, nor your teachers, are not allowed to share this information with you. This information will be used by the examination boards to standardise judgements which means that the final grade you receive could be different from the one we submit to the exam board.

It is really important that you keep all of your work including mock papers, class books and any other evidence you have of your work in a safe place as we may need this later on and we will contact you if this is needed.

You will see from the guidance and the letter that you are not required to do any new work or tasks. Of course, you are able to continue to complete your work as it will support you for your journey next year. You will be able to use your results to go to sixth form college or other post 16 destination in the normal way. The results will be treated in exactly the same way as regular exam results by everybody. As stated in the OFQUAL letter if you are unhappy with your results, you will be able to appeal. The process for this has not been decided yet.

It has been a real pleasure to work with you all and I could not be prouder of the young people that you have become. We will, of course, be in contact with you after Easter. In the meantime if you wish to contact us please use [ks4@sws.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:ks4@sws.cheshire.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support - please stay healthy and safe.