



**St. Cuthbert's**  
Roman Catholic High School

7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I am sure you will be aware that this afternoon the Education Secretary announced that teacher estimated grades will be used to replace cancelled GCSE examinations this summer.

**We are currently working on what exactly this announcement means for our students. Further information will be sent to you over the coming days and weeks which will outline the specific steps we will take to ensure you have the best possible chance of success.**

I spoke to our Year 10 and 11 students yesterday and reinforced how important it is that they continue to engage in their remote learning. Over the next few weeks and months we will be conducting a series of assessments which will be based upon the remote learning lessons students should be accessing. The outcomes of these assessments will be used to inform GCSE grades. It is therefore essential that students are well prepared for each of these assessments and actively engage with all remote learning lessons and work set by their teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr David Shields  
Headteacher