



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents,

## Year 11 Examinations Update 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

We have this afternoon received updated information from the Department for Education regarding the awarding of GCSE grades for our current Year 11 students.

The important points from this information that I wish to draw to your attention are:

- Ofqual **will develop** and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible, and will work with the exam boards to ensure this is **consistently applied** for all students.
- The exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.
- To produce this, teachers will take into account a **range of evidence** and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment – clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly will be provided to schools and colleges.
- The exam boards will then combine this information with **other relevant data**, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in.
- Ofqual and exam boards will be discussing with teachers' representatives before finalising an approach, to ensure that it is as fair as possible. **More information will be provided as soon as possible.**
- The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the **end of July**.
- In addition, if they do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance, they will have **the opportunity to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity**, once schools are open again.
- Students will also have the **option to sit their exams in summer 2021**.

I would like to reassure you that we as a school will ensure that your son / daughter will not miss out on any opportunity to secure the grades that they deserve.

When we receive further information from Ofqual and the DfE we will keep you updated and our current guidance is always via our website [Home Learning Support](#) page.

Yours sincerely,

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