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Dear Year 11 Parents, Carers and Students,

Year 11 have been entered for their GCSE and equivalent qualifications in the usual way although this is a very unusual year. Despite the fact that official exams have been cancelled, all entries need to be made, and we will be issuing students with the details for their qualifications on Monday 8th March during the first tutor session back at school for careful checking.

You will have seen on the news that a decision has been made about how grading for qualifications will work this year. This came in the form of an announcement by the Education secretary to Ofqual, who then published the consultation decisions. Following this announcement, all exam boards have now been set the task of issuing schools with the information they need to assess each pupil in each subject.

The stage we're at now is that the government has made an announcement which we've been able to see today confirming **that all exams, with very few exceptions, are cancelled** for the summer and exam results will be based on **Teacher Assessment but subject to rigorous exam board quality assurance** and based in part, though not entirely on the **school's previous results**.

We are waiting to see how Ofqual interprets the government's announcement and then how the exam boards interpret what Ofqual decides. The government has said that exam boards must provide schools with assessment materials to enable teachers to properly assess students by the 31st March and it looks like this will include some coursework, and some exam questions to be completed in the classroom or during a series of mock exams. Your work so far, and this term, will also form an important part of the assessment.

We know that the school has to submit all Teacher Assessed Grades before 18th June and we know that Results Day for GCSE will be 12th August.

When students come back to school, their form tutor will hand them a Statement of Entry showing the qualifications for which they have been entered. This needs careful checking to make sure that every subject you expect to be entered for is on there.



The government, Ofqual and the exam boards are working hard to ensure that students in this most difficult year are treated fairly and come out with fair results that reflect their effort and achievement throughout school. The school sees the government's decision as a positive step forward in ensuring that you get the results you deserve at the end of this most difficult academic year.

The infographic produced by the DfE/Ofqual below provides a good summary of how the grading process will work. We will of course continue to provide more information as soon as possible, including the rescheduling of parents evenings for each subject:

How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021

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Working out your grade	Evidence	Results and appeals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graded by teacher judgement Not graded by an algorithm School and college assessments can continue You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence Non-exam assessment should continue Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete Art & design grade based only on your portfolio Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best 	<p>Results days AS and A level 10 August GCSE 12 August</p> <p> If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.</p> <p>You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website</p> <p> www.gov.uk/ofqual</p>

Yours faithfully

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