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Dear Year 11 Students and Families

Re: Update from Ofqual on arrangements for Centre Assessment Grades

Some guidance has just been published this morning by Ofqual, the exams regulator, on how grades will be awarded this summer. Some of you may have already seen this information by the time you read this letter. It is difficult for our schools to provide you with any further thoughts on this at this stage as we receive first sight of this at the same time as it is made public.

Please see a letter from Ofqual to students here: <u>click here to read</u>

Please see a link to the guidance for teacher, students, parents and carers here: click here to read

This guidance is very much in line with what was outlined in last week's announcement. It is based upon a 'centre assessment grade' taking into account a range of student work and the grade the school feels a student would most likely have achieved, plus an element of rank ordering.

For now, I will leave you to read this information. We too need time to digest this information and in due course we will share further details and an opportunity for students and families to ask questions, once the mechanism for this process is made clearer.

The release of this information just before the Easter break is not ideal in many ways, as I know you will have queries. However, it will give our schools time to reflect upon the contents of the guidance.

In the meantime, I would ask that students and parents do not approach teachers about the issue of centre assessment grades or the work that will be used to guide this. Teachers are not yet briefed on this guidance and I am sure you will all agree that they will need and deserve a break after the last few, difficult weeks. We will make a system for queries about this process clear after Easter.

I would like to say a big thank you again for the excellent attitude of all of our Year 11 students. We have been delighted with the way in which they have applied themselves to their work in such difficult circumstances.

We all wish you well during this Easter period. Please follow the Government instructions for social distancing and stay safe.

With very best wishes.

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