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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 Students

RE: GCSE awarding of grades

Following our letter to you before the Easter Break when the initial guidance for the awarding of exam grades this summer was published, there have been a few further developments which you may like to read more about. The government guidance can be found

here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880540/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents_FINAL_UPDATED_21APR2020.pdf

An overview of the current information available is as follows:

- Teachers will be required to provide the examination boards with a grade for each student in each subject they were due to sit an examination in
- Teachers will submit a grade 'they believe the student would have achieved had they sat the examination' this summer.
- Teachers will not be required to ask students complete any unfinished NEA (non- exam assessment) e.g. for practical subjects such as DT, PE or Art/ Photography.
- Teachers will take into account the full range of evidence they have.
- The grade submitted by teachers will not be made available to students or parents/carers
- Results will be awarded on 20 August
- Students will be able to take an examination in the autumn term if they are not satisfied with the final grade awarded. If they choose to do this, students will be able to use the higher of the two grades for future progression.

There is also a government consultation on this guidance for all interested parties to contribute to here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-seeks-views-on-gcse-and-a-level-grading-proposals-for-2020> I would encourage you to take part in the consultation in part even if you do not feel able to fill in all sections.



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Current work expectations for Year 11 students

Staff are continuing to set work for Year 11 according to their usual timetable at present. Engagement from year 11 has been extremely positive during the school closure period and we have been very pleased with their work ethic. As we come to the point in the year when students would be finishing their courses and preparing for their exams, we appreciate that whilst students will start to think about their post- 16 destinations and the courses they are planning to do next year. Whilst it remains really important that students complete all the work planned for next year, including elements of revision as this will place them in a much more confident position for the courses they take post- 16, we also know that they will have time now available when the exams would have been taking place which they can use more profitably in preparation for post- 16 life. We are currently designing a comprehensive programme of activities to bridge the gap for students between school and college. We are working with local sixth form colleges and other providers to ensure that we are able to cover as many options as possible and provide useful and meaningful subject/ course specific level 3 links alongside additional support for level 2 courses (including ongoing English and Maths online learning). Rather than send out lots of individual links for students, we will launch this phase of their provision within the next week or so to ensure students continue to have plenty of work to keep them occupied during this unexpected time in their education.

I would like to pass on my very best wishes to year 11 students as they continue their remote studies with us during such an unprecedented situation. They have been, and continue to be a credit to their families in the way in which they have coped with the uncertainty and the huge upheaval and disruption caused to their education by the Covid-19 school closures. We will not be letting them go anytime soon, and are busy working on the yearbooks, hoodies and events we would be organising at this time of year.

Yours sincerely



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