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Dear Parent and Careers,

GCSE and A-Level Results 2021

We understand that the past few months must have been very unsettling for you since the announcement of the cancellations of the examinations for GCSEs and A Levels, and that you have urgently been waiting for news on this. As you may be aware, the Department for Education and Ofqual very recently published additional information on the process for GCSE and A Level qualifications for this academic year.

Our overriding aim is to be fair whilst following all the guidance from the Department of Education and Ofqual. We do not wish to disadvantage students as they progress to sixth form, college, university or into employment as a result of this unprecedented time.

Teacher Assessed Grades will be used to calculate qualification grades. Teachers will use assessment-based evidence to determine the final grade each student will receive for each qualification. Teachers will use evidence of a student's performance from throughout the course to inform the final grade. Teachers will use a broad range of evidence across the taught content to determine the grades and these will be submitted to the exam board. We will consider a range of things like your child's classwork and homework; your child's results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework your child has completed; and your child's general progress during their course. Overall, it will be no easier or harder for a student to achieve a particular grade this year compared to previous years.

Students who are completing BTEC or OCR vocational qualifications need to continue working on these qualifications and they will continue to be assessed by teachers and the projects/assignments will continue to contribute to the overall grade.

We will continue to review and look at the support materials that exam boards have said they are going to provide, as well as any advice that comes out to support teachers with their assessed grades. Students will be provided with further details, including the nature of any future assignments/assessments and when they will be taking place.

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We do recognise that these are difficult times for students and parents/carers alike and we would like to reassure you that our staff will be objective, fair and balanced and that we will operate moderation processes within departments and across our academies to ensure consistency of judgements from teacher to teacher. Please can we ask you not to contact the academy or teachers individually to ask about these teacher assessed grades or to seek to influence the process. **Staff have been instructed to keep all elements of this process confidential.**

Ofqual have stated that exam results days will be earlier than normal, 10 August 2021 for AS and A Level, and 12 August for GCSE results.

It is really important that your child continues to work hard and complete all classwork, homework and assessments as these will be used towards the final grade.

Thank you for all of your support during this particularly difficult time.

Yours sincerely



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