



Dear Parents

Summer exams 2020

Further to our recent letter I want to update you with regard to summer GCSE, Btec and A level examinations. The government and Ofqual have now published the initial guidance in relation how grades will be allocated. We have also been in contact with exam boards and have sought clarification on coursework and have received the following guidance:

- Evidence from school assessed coursework/controlled assessment will be an important part of the way that grades are derived.
- No further practice questions or coursework amendments should be submitted as per Ofqual guidance.

Any grades from recent assessments will need to be used in conjunction with the subject teacher professional judgement of overall progress. As per the Ofqual guidance we will not be sharing any of the centre assessed grades nor recent mock grades until after the grades have been released. Please see the Ofqual guidance on this below.

Schools and colleges have been told that they must not share their centre assessment grades with students, parents or carers, under any circumstances, until after final results are issued. This is to protect the integrity of centres' judgements, and to avoid anyone feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence. Since the final grades for some or all students in a centre could be different from those submitted, it also helps to manage students' expectations. We're working hard to get results out as soon as is possible – results won't be delayed after the dates they were expected in August and ideally will be released a little earlier, so students can have the certainty they need.

Ofqual are currently consulting on NOT issuing grades for students in Y10 or below which will affect those entered for mother tongue languages (Italian, Polish and Hebrew) plus Y10 who are entered for RS. In light of this we will be considering alternative solutions to enable year 10 to achieve these qualifications at a later date if necessary.

Thank you for all your support and positive feedback to staff in recent weeks.
Yours sincerely

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