6th July 2020

To the parents/carers of Year 10,

Further to the letter sent out on April 5th 2020, I want to update you with regard to summer GCSE Religious Studies examinations. The government and Ofqual have now determined that Year 10 students can be entered in this summer’s exam series, following the initial guidance in relation to how grades will be allocated for Years 11 and 13.

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 are 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.

We hope this clarifies any queries you may have. Once we have further government updates, the school will send all parents information about the August results days.

Danny Edwards  Jennifer Wick
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