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Dear parents, carers and students (Year 11 and Year 13)

Update on GCSE & A Level Grades for 2020

I wanted to update you with further information that has just been published by Ofqual (Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulations) regarding your child's GCSE or A Level grades that will be awarded this summer. The organisation have published two key documents which I strongly encourage you to read at the links below:

- [Summer 2020 Grades – Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers \(click here\)](#)
- [A letter to all GCSE and A Level students \(click here\)](#)

What does this mean?

The above documents should be able to answer all of your questions but to summarise a few important points:

- A fair, and standardised, grade will be produced by the exam boards and distributed through schools (in the usual way) at least by the middle of August and hopefully earlier.
- The school will submit two pieces of information to the exam board:
 - The grade, in each subject, we believe you would most likely get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned. This will be known as the 'centre assessment grade'.
 - Within each subject, the rank order of students that achieve each grade.
- The decisions made by the school on this information will take into account a range of information including: mock (and remock) results, assignments, non-examined assessments or coursework (if completed/partially completed), classwork, homework and general progress.
- You do not need to complete any additional work, past papers, homework (etc) for the centre assessment grade. Schools will not use this information and you will not be disadvantaged in any way for not completing work after schools closed on 20th March.
- The school **cannot** share the 'centre assessment grade' with you and I kindly request that you do not ask staff for this or any indication of what this may be. It may not be the same as any other data already communicated (mock grade, predicted grade, remock grade etc). In addition, the 'centre assessment grade' may be moderated by the exam boards after it has been submitted.



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What can I do now?

Please try to not over-think the situation. Staff will now work diligently to ensure the hard work and effort put in by all students is fairly reflected when the final grades are published. There will be an appeals process, which will be communicated in due course, and an option to sit the exams if any students are still not satisfied in autumn term.

In the meantime, we would advise Year 11 students to prepare for Beyond 16 study and Year 13 students to turn their attention to university preparation or their chosen field of work from September. We are updating Google Classrooms and the school website with more resources and this further information will be communicated as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and I hope you all continue to remain safe and well at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

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