



Dear Parents/Carers,

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

## Examination grading for 2020 Summer Examinations

We have now received the guidance we have been waiting for from Ofqual regarding the awarding of grades to students who were due to be taking external examinations this summer. The link to this guidance is here:

[Summer 2020 Grades for GCSE AS A level – guidance for teachers, students & parents.](#)

For this summer's awards, schools and trusts are being asked to provide centre assessment grades for their students. These should be fair, objective and carefully considered judgements of the grades schools believe their students would have been most likely to achieve if they had taken their exams and should take into account the full range of available evidence.

Exam Boards will expect schools to submit a centre assessment grade for every student in each of their subjects: that is, the grade they would be most likely to have achieved if they had taken their exams and completed any non-exam assessment. We have been given clear guidance that judgements should balance different sources of evidence such as classwork, bookwork and any participation in performances in subjects such as music, drama or PE; any non-exam assessment – whether or not complete; the results of any assignments or trial exams; previous examination results – for example, for any re-sitting students; and any other records of student performance over the course of study.

We think the guidance will answer most of the questions you have. We will be working with all our teachers, to ensure that they are supported in applying this guidance.

There is a letter for all affected students from Ofqual, the link to a copy of this letter is here:

[Letter to students – Summer 2020 grading.](#)

The DFE have now confirmed that results will be issued on the original published dates. For GCSEs that means that students will receive their results on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

I know that this is not an acceptable situation for you or your children; they have worked so hard towards the examinations. Please try to reassure them that we will be working extremely hard to ensure we apply the advice in the most ethical and professional way we can, this should ensure they really do get what they would have done had the examinations gone ahead in the traditional way.

We hope that you and your families remain safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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