

April 14th 2020

Dear Year 11 and Year 13 Parents and Carers,

I write to provide you with a little more detail on what is expected of our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they complete their learning from home. Most importantly, our teachers will continue to help and support your child to ensure they are well-placed to get the qualifications they deserve. This letter also includes a letter to your child from Ofqual, the Government's examinations regulator. It is important students read this letter and understand they are welcome to contact us via their Head of Year/Sixth Form to address any concerns this letter raises. Hopefully, students will find the letter informative and reassuring.

Last week it was confirmed Examination Boards will ask teachers to submit their judgement – based on a range of evidence including classwork, homework, practicals and mock exams - on the grade they believe students would have attained if the examinations had gone ahead. Ofqual are very clear the Academy's grade for a student cannot at this stage be shared with either the student or their parent or carer.

The Academy's judgement will then be moderated by the Examination Boards, based on a range of evidence, and a final "calculated grade" released no later than the original GCSE Results day of 20th August 2020.

The Government have advised if students do not feel their calculated grade reflects their true performance, they will have the opportunity to appeal or to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again. Students will also have the option to "re-sit" their examinations in summer 2021.

We have been re-assured by Government this year's awards will have equal value to those awarded in previous years. For our A level students, we have been advised universities will be flexible this year and do all they can to support students to progress to higher education.

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The current guidelines from the Government can be read in full here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>

I hope you and your loved ones continue to keep safe and well and I wish you all the very best of health.

Yours sincerely,



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