



25th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

GCSE and A-level Grades for Year 11 and Year 13 Students

As you will have heard, Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, has announced the plans for awarding GCSE and A Level grades following the cancellation of GCSE and A-level exams this year.

Schools will be given wide flexibility in deciding how teachers assess and grade their students, based on those parts of the curriculum they have been taught.

Results will be published earlier than usual, with A-level grades issued on August 10 and GCSE students receiving their results two days later on August 12.

How will grades be determined?

This year students will receive grades determined by their teachers.

Assessments will cover what students have been taught and not what they have missed.

As a school we can choose a range of evidence to underpin the assessments including coursework, tests and the use of optional questions provided by exam boards and mock exams.

Exam boards will be issuing grade descriptions to help us make sure assessments are fair and consistent. A rigorous quality assurance process will provide a meaningful check in the system and prevent malpractice and a full and fair appeals system will also be set out.

Assessing students

We will endeavour to ensure every student has the best possible chance to show what they know and can do, making sure the system is fair and students receive a grade that is a true and just reflection of their work.

As soon as we receive further details from the exam boards regarding grade descriptions, we will inform you of the school's assessment process for both Year 11 and 13 students.

The main thing you need to know is that we will be working tirelessly to ensure that no student is in any way disadvantaged by the current circumstances.

Yours sincerely

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