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Dear Student, Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and are keeping safe. I just wanted to follow-up the correspondence from Friday now that we have had the opportunity to digest the information from Ofqual regarding the awarding of GCSE grades.

If you have read the guidance www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020, you will see that essentially we will be providing exam boards with two key pieces of information:

1. The **most likely grade** we believe students would have achieved had exams gone ahead as normal.
2. For each subject, **the rank order of students by performance**, for each grade.

To arrive at the grade, we will consider a range of evidence to support our judgement. Such as classwork, homework, mock exams and any non-assessed assessments/coursework. Please be assured that maximum consideration will be given to the above in order to ensure that the grades we suggest for all our students are accurate, fair and representative of the hard work they have put in.

In order for the grades to be as fair as possible across schools nationally, exam boards will also put all teacher assessment grades through a further process of standardisation using a model being developed by Ofqual. It is expected that the model will look at information such as the expected national outcomes for this year's students, the prior attainment of students at each school, and the results of the school or college in recent years. Exam boards will then use information in the model together with the teacher assessment to finalise grades awarded to students across the country.

It has also been confirmed that students will also have the opportunity to sit exams at the earliest reasonable opportunity in the new academic year – if they are not happy with any of their final grades awarded to them in the Summer.

In addition to this, there has been no further guidance at present from the DfE, Ofqual or exam boards with regard to vocational qualifications. Therefore, as in previous correspondence it is important for students to continue completing any outstanding coursework in these subjects.

Finally, the guidance from the Ofqual states 'Schools 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'. Therefore, we cannot share any information with student, parents/carers regarding the grades to be awarded or the rank order. I would appreciate it if you could refrain from contacting the school to ask questions about the process – we cannot tell you anything. Other than the process will be rigorous, objective and fair.

I hope that this provides further clarity for you at a difficult time. I am sure it will generate some questions, but as I say, please allow us to manage the situation to produce accurate and fair results for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and Happy Easter!

Yours faithfully

Jo Cross
Head of School