



3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Calculation of grades for GCSE, AS and A-Level students**

The Department for Education and Ofqual published information today regarding the awarding of grades for the Summer 2020 series. Clearly, as a school, we have a lot of planning and preparation to do to ensure this process is as robust and fair as possible. As Head of Centre, I have the ultimate responsibility for moderating and signing off all of the student data that we will submit, a responsibility I will carry out scrupulously alongside my senior team.

In case you have not already seen it, I have also sent a letter written by Sally Collier, the Chief Regulator of Ofqual to all students whose exams have been cancelled this summer.

Since there is no requirement for students to complete any additional work, we will change our approach after the Easter holiday (assuming school closures continue); replacing the existing work in Google Classrooms for Year 11 and Year 13 with more appropriate provision. You will receive more detailed information in our newsletter and after Easter, but in summary, this will include:

- exciting, subject-specific A-Level and vocational bridging classrooms that will allow Y11 students a unique opportunity to begin preparing for their post-16 courses early, alongside participating in enrichment activities that will stretch their engagement and understanding beyond the prescribed specification
- opportunities for Y11 to access support with their revision if they want to keep their options open for sitting exams in the autumn term
- opportunities for Y13 to access support with their revision if they want to keep their options open for sitting exams in the autumn term, or if they want to continue developing their knowledge in an A-Level subject they intend to study at university

Mr Wilkinson, Deputy Headteacher, will update you more comprehensively on our plans as soon as possible after the Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs V. Rahn  
Head of School