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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I hope that you and your families are well and keeping safe.

Thank you for your patience as we have waited for guidance regarding the provision in light of the Government's cancellation of the Year 11 Summer exams 2020. Today, we have received further information from the Government about the process for awarding GCSE grades this summer (with the exception of vocational qualifications BTEC/OCR, where we are still awaiting further guidance).

Please find attached with this letter a summary document produced by Ofqual, which has a range of FAQs that students and parents may find useful. Further documents produced by Ofqual can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

Essentially this means that schools will be asked to do the following:

- Use students' predicted grades (what they are likely to have achieved in the summer exams if we had continued our normal preparations) to identify a grade.
- Rank all students within each grade.
- Submit this information to the Exam Boards.

The Exam Boards will then use this data within their methodology for awarding the students' final grades.

I would draw your attention to the paragraph 'What does this mean for Non- Exam Assessment?' In particular the following sentence:

"Schools and colleges do not need to ask students to complete any unfinished non-exam assessment work for the purposes of grading."

Therefore if students have any NEA/ Coursework **for GCSE subjects** that they have completed at home since schools closed on Friday 20th March they should return this work to their subject teacher before Monday 20th April. This should be returned either via email ([courtfields.net](mailto:sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk)) or by post to school using recorded delivery and any expense will be reimbursed. Please do contact the school using SCH.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk to arrange for any reimbursement with proof of purchase.

As per the recent guidance, if students have been unable to complete any further NEA/Coursework at home since the school closed they will not be disadvantaged.

"No student should be disadvantaged if they are unable to complete any work set after schools were closed."

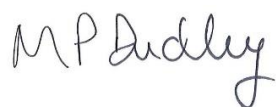
Please do remember the above guidance is only for **GCSE subjects**.



Therefore until we have further information regarding **Vocational subjects, students should continue to complete their NEA or coursework at home**. This applies to the following subjects: OCR Health & Social Care, OCR Sport Studies, BTEC Performing Arts and BTEC Music. Once further information has been issued by the Government we will be able to give confirm arrangements for these subjects.

We have started to work through this latest guidance and would ask you to bear with us as we take time to plan with our staff the next steps. Please be absolutely assured that we will take great care in managing this important task. Our staff have already been preparing for this eventuality and will undertake the required next steps with the greatest of professionalism.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MP Dudley', written in a cursive style.

Martyn Dudley
Deputy Headteacher