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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well and we continue to remember in our thoughts and prayers anyone suffering as a result of COVID-19.

The exams regulator OFQUAL, has, today, published further information for schools, students, parents and carers about the awarding of exam grades this summer. You can view the documents at GOV.UK and we are attaching here the two which are relevant to you: **Letter to Students – Summer 2020 Grading** and **Guidance for Teachers, Students, Parents and Carers Summer 2020 Grades....**

There are no real surprises in the latest information and it is largely as expected. It is disappointing, however, that information about vocational courses is not included but it is noted that the exam boards are working urgently to decide on a process for vocational courses. As you will read, it is confirmed that there is no need to be completing further work to influence the grades that are eventually determined.

After the Easter holidays, in the week beginning 20th April, school leaders and teachers will start to consider these documents and any other information and guidance that we receive as a school. We will then begin our work contributing to the awarding of grades. I will write again next term with further information about this.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if neither students, nor parents and carers, contact teachers or school leaders with questions about any of this. Communication back and forth about this matter will need to be carefully managed by the school. Teachers also need to be able to have a break during their Easter holidays, over the next two weeks, when they are not in school staffing our rota that will keep the school open for the children of critical workers and/or vulnerable children.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, we will also be in touch again after Easter with work that we feel Year 11 and Year 13 could be completing to help prepare them for the next stage of their learning, for example, to help Year 11 prepare for their A Level studies and Year 13s to prepare for university courses etc.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Best wishes.

J Foster - Headteacher