

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for contacting the school regarding your child's GCSE grades. As you are aware, these are unprecedented times and we all must work together to do what is best for our students - we must take a consistent approach and follow the Government's guidance. I am sure you will appreciate how hard staff and students are working at present in a fast changing situation..

We included the following message on the Parents Bulletin of 3 April, which answers the queries raised in your email:

*Ofqual have advised schools and teachers not to discuss the centre assessment grades therefore please do not contact the school asking for this information. Exam boards will publish the results no later than August 2020 and may be released a little earlier. There is more detailed guidance that has been written for parents, teachers and students that is linked below if you wish to read it.*

[Guidance from Ofqual](#)

*I know this is an anxious time for year 11 students and their families with regards to the summer GCSE results. Ofqual have today issued a letter to students explaining the process of issuing grades. Please be reassured that the grades you get this summer will look exactly the same as in previous years, and they will have equal status with universities, colleges and employers, to help you move forward in your lives as planned. The letter to students from Ofqual is hyperlinked below - please make sure that you read this to understand how your grades will be allocated.*

[letter to students.](#)

I understand how anxious you are regarding your child's situation. I can assure you that we will award the final centre assessment grades based on the guidance from Ofqual and the Government. The letter to students states;

*'Your school or college will consider a range of things like your classwork and homework; your results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework you might have done; and your general progress during your course.'*

All of this will be taken into consideration when awarding the centre assessment grade. The letter further states, teachers will award grades based on *'the grade they believe you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned'*.

I am sorry that we are unable to discuss this matter in any more detail with you. I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely