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Dear Parents/Carers

### COVID-19 Update: Examinations

I wanted to let you know the information we have been given so far about examination results. Please be aware that the situation is being updated as time goes on. We do not, for example, have any information about BTEC courses yet.

### Key points relating to examination results (following the government's announcement):

#### Introduction

- The GCSE exams this May-June have been cancelled.
- The government is aiming for grades to still be awarded to students for all the qualifications they have been taking.
- They aim to:
  - provide these grades to students by the end of July
  - ensure that the grades reflect fairly the work which students have put into their subjects

#### How will they produce the grades?

- They may ask teachers to make a judgement about the grade they believe students would have got if they had sat the exams.
- This judgement may take into account mock exam results as well as any non-examined assessment you have completed.
- They could then combine the judgements made by teachers with other data which is available on students (e.g. Key Stage 2 SATs results where these are available).
- These sets of information could then be used to calculate your final grade in each subject.

#### What happens if a student is not happy with the grade awarded?

- They will be able to appeal if they believe the grade awarded is too low.
- They will also be able sit an exam 'at the earliest opportunity' in each subject if they are still unhappy with the grade (the timing of this will depend on when the virus outbreak is contained and things return to 'normal'.)
- Students will also be able to sit their exams in summer 2021.

#### Things to note:

- We are unsure from the government's document how many exams students will need to take in each subject if they decide to sit them 'at the earliest opportunity' or in summer 2021.
- These proposals are still embryonic and more details are going to be released soon.

We will keep you updated.

**It is important that students keep all mock exam papers, exercise books and internal assessments and tests as these may be needed by teachers to support their judgement. If these are still in school we will keep them.**

Yours faithfully

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