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Mr Jim Roberts- Headteacher

Thursday 25th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Information about the awarding of grades this summer.

The government provided more details today about how grades will be awarded this summer, after they announced previously that exams would be cancelled.

You can read more details in their press release here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/teacher-assessed-grades-for-students>. You can also read about the announcement and different reactions to it in this article here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-56157413>.

However, in summary, they have now fully confirmed that students will receive grades that are awarded and determined by teachers. They also confirmed the following:

- Pupils will only be assessed on what they have been taught;
- Teachers will be able to draw on a range of evidence when awarding grades; this could include, optional mini-tests set by exam boards, as well as mock exams, coursework, or other work completed as part of a pupil's course, such as essays or in-class tests.
- No algorithm will be used to determine grades.
- Exam boards will be issuing grade descriptors for assessments.
- Teachers will submit grades to exam boards by 18 June 2021.
- Results days for GCSE, A' Level and some vocational qualifications will take place in the week of 9 August 2021 – moved forward from the week of the 23 August 2021.

The government have emphasised that they want to work with schools to ensure the system is as fair as possible. They have asked schools to do multiple checks on the grades before they are submitted to the exam boards, to ensure consistency and as much fairness as possible. The exam boards will also conduct their own quality assurance checks. Every student will also have the right to appeal their grade.

We have shared this information with students today via a letter sent to their school email addresses and we will of course continue to keep you and them updated as we receive further information.



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We understand that students will be looking forward to returning to school on 8th March and also that they may have concerns and anxieties about returning. Please be reassured that we are here to help and support. We will be contacting you again next week with further details about students returning to school and there will be an online assembly with more information from the year team.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin Alexander
Deputy Head Teacher

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