

20th March 2020

To: Parents and Carers of Year 11 and Year 13 Students

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see an extract taken from an article published by the DfE this afternoon in relation to the awarding of this year's GCSE and A Level results:

The Government's priority is now to ensure affected students can move on as planned to the next stage of their lives, including going into employment, starting university, college or sixth form courses, or an apprenticeship in the autumn.

This means ensuring GCSE, A and AS level students are awarded a grade which fairly reflects the work that they have put in. There will also be an option to sit an exam early in the next academic year for students who wish to. Ofqual will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible, and will work with the exam boards to ensure this is consistently applied for all students. The exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.

To produce this, teachers will take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment – clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly this will be provided to schools and colleges. The exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in.

Ofqual and exam boards will be discussing with teachers' representatives before finalising an approach, to ensure that it is as fair as possible. More information will be provided as soon as possible.

The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July.

The link to the full article can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced?utm_source=96f31727-1fb9-408b-a7fa-d91d4ceaeb6b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

The predicted grades will not be based on a single assessment, such as the mock examinations, and we will ensure we use multiple data sources to reach our final decisions, which may of course be moderated up or down by the exam boards on submission.

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Please be assured we will do everything within our power to ensure your son / daughter gets the best possible grades that give a true reflection of their academic efforts over their time at the academy. I will continue to update you as further information becomes available.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Jackson', written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Mr J Jackson
Principal

