

30th March 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

You will be aware that this year's summer exam series including A levels, GCSEs and other qualifications, and all primary assessment, have been cancelled.

The Government's priority is now to ensure that your child 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. According to the information that we have received so far, the Government intends that all GCSE, A and AS students are awarded a grade which fairly reflects the work that they have put in. To produce this, it is anticipated that teachers will take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment.

We are awaiting Government instructions to include the steps they would like teachers to follow together with guidance on how to consider the full range of evidence they will have available when submitting their assessment grades. This guidance should be received at schools before Easter so that we can produce predicted grades to forward to the exam boards. The exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in.

The Government recognise that some students may nevertheless feel disappointed that they have not been able to sit their exams and may be unhappy with the grade awarded. Students will have the facility to appeal if they do not believe the correct process has been followed in their case together with an opportunity to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again.

We appreciate that this is a particularly tense time for our students and their families, particularly following their hard work and efforts in preparing for qualifications over the past couple of years. Their resilience and maturity in coping with these exceptional circumstances reminds us of the privilege of working with our students through their studies. We would also like to reassure you that as soon as we are clear of the next steps outlined by Ofqual, which is expected before Easter, we will update this statement with further guidance.

Yours faithfully



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