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## GCSE Exams

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we continue to respond to a fast changing situation I am contacting you with regards to recent announcements from the Department of Education pertaining to the summer examination series.

The government have confirmed the GCSE exams will not go ahead as planned this year and the exams will be replaced with a form of 'Centre assessed grades.' However, unlike last year there will be no algorithm applied to the grades provided. The current government plan is in consultation with The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) and we look forward to receiving a more detailed overview to ensure grades are awarded fairly and consistently across the country.

The reliance on centre assessed grades, opposed to exams will require a large amount of evidence of student work and engagement. During the current national lockdown, it is vitally important your child attends all of their online lessons and completes the work set in each subject. We are unsure when it will be deemed safe to welcome all students back into the academy and as such the work and attendance to online learning will play a crucial part in determining the final grades students receive in the summer.

Please do ensure your child is aware of the importance of their engagement and attendance to online learning. We will be keeping detailed records of all online activity to ensure we have a strong evidence base to help inform the appropriate grade each student will receive in the summer.

If there are any barriers to your son/daughter being able to access online lessons, please do contact Ms Brown - Senior Pastoral Leader or Mr Edwards – Head of Year 11 as soon as possible and we will do our utmost to support.

Thank you for your patience and continued support at what continues to be a concerning time for everyone in our community. Rest assured I will keep in regular contact with any changes to the detail outlined above.

Yours sincerely

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