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Year 11 Examinations update

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

You may be aware that the Government has now updated its advice following the cancellation of the summer GCSE and A level examination. A booklet of guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers has been published by Ofqual, alongside a letter to students. Both these documents are available to read on our website (www.oasisacademyoldham.org).

Over the coming weeks your teachers will be required to submit two key pieces of information:

- A grade which they feel you would have the potential to achieve if the summer GCSE examinations were to run as normal.
- A rating by rank order of how secure each student is within each grade boundary

To compile this information your teachers will use all the information they have at their disposal:

- Attendance records
- Attitude to learning grades
- Classwork
- Practice exam questions completed in lessons
- Homework/Period 6's
- Non exam assessments or coursework
- End of Year 10 examinations
- Year 11 November Mocks and recent March Mock examinations

Please note that as per the guidelines, this information will be shared only with Ofqual who will standardise our data against the all other schools to make sure, as far as possible, results are fair. Prior to the national pandemic GCSE results day was scheduled to be 20th August. We anticipate that this will be brought forward as outlined in the Ofqual letter to students and an appeals process will be available to all students who wish to challenge their 'calculated grades.'

As such, this now means that your attendance to online lessons via Microsoft Teams is no longer mandatory. However, we do encourage you to continue studying the subjects you wish to continue in September.

We will shortly be sharing your March Mock GCSE examination results with you. When you receive these please remember that these are not the grades that your teachers will submit for your predicted grades. We are well aware of the huge amount of learning and progress that takes place in each individual subject between March Mocks and the final GCSE examinations.

We understand that these are extremely unusual circumstances in which we are all operating and we are aware of your anxiety around the cancelled GCSE exams. Please do contact us at school if there are any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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