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Re: Update Covid-19 impact on exams 2021

I am writing to let you know that the Department for Education (DfE) and Ofqual have now published the outcome from the consultation on Examinations and Assessment 2021, held in January 2021. It has been an anxious time waiting to hear the decision following the announcement that exams were not to take place this summer; so I am sure it is a welcome relief to read that outcomes are to be based on work completed by pupils whilst at school since the start of Key Stage 4 courses.

The following is a link to the consultation and associated report for your reference: [Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021)

Below is a summary from Ofqual about what this means for students building up to grade submissions in the summer term

- GCSE exams will be replaced by grades determined and awarded by teachers (there will be no algorithm used)
- Teachers can use a range of evidence to determine these grades (mocks / coursework / other work such as in-class tests or essays already completed)
- Exam boards will also supply optional question papers which can be used as evidence
- Grades need to be submitted by 18/06/2021 to the exam boards
- Results day will take place on 12th August 2021
- There will be an appeals process for the awarded grade

How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021

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Working out your grade	Evidence	Results and appeals
 Graded by teacher judgement  Not graded by an algorithm  School and college assessments can continue  You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught  Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you  Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded	 Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence  Non-exam assessment should continue  Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete  Art & design grade based only on your portfolio  Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to  Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best	 Results days AS and A level 10 August GCSE 12 August  If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college. <p>You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website</p>  www.gov.uk/ofqual

We are all very much looking forward to having Year 11 students return on Monday 8th March. Upon their return, we will explain clearly how students will be awarded their grades and what is expected in the coming months along with the support we will provide to help them achieve. Further to this, we will release information to parents and carers on our school website next week. We will notify you when this is available.

In advance, we will be hugely grateful for your support in the coming months with your child and I look forward to updating next week

Yours sincerely

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