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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE's, AS and A Level Awarding information

We have just received notification from Ofqual regarding the guidance to Heads of Centre, teachers, parents and pupils for the awarding of GCSE, AS and A Level examination this summer. Please see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcse-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>

As we anticipated, the awards will be made on a number of factors, primarily based on the knowledge teachers have of pupils and their professional judgements based on how pupils have performed over the course of their examination studies:

“For this summer’s awards, schools and colleges are being asked to provide centre assessment grades for their students. These should be fair, objective and carefully considered judgements of the grades schools and colleges believe their students would have been most likely to achieve if they had sat their exams, and should take into account the full range of available evidence.”

I will be working with our data analysis team, Miss Barrow and the Year Leaders at each Key Stage as well as with Faculty and Subject Leaders to ensure we submit the grade we believe our pupils would have achieved had they sat their examinations this summer.

The guidance states that the submission of marks to examination boards will not take place until after 29 May 2020. As we already have Realistic Expected Grades submitted by each class teacher and have undertaken a review, we are developing a robust system that does take everything into account as the guidance suggests. I will be working further with our teams of members of staff to ensure we are confident in our submission of grades. As previously stated and as the guidance from Ofqual makes clear, we will not be in a position to let anyone know what the submission of grades has been – I thank you in anticipation of your understanding; I appreciate this is a challenging time and many of our pupils and their parents/carers will be feeling anxious about the grade they will achieve in the summer. I can assure, we have your best interest at heart.

I hope that we may be able to host Results Days as in previous years and celebrate your achievements with you.

As I receive any further information, I will keep you updated.

Yours sincerely

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