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Dear Student

Re: Year 10 and Year 12 working towards examinations

I have previously written to our Year 11 and Year 13 students to explain the process our members of staff are engaged in following the advice and guidance from Ofqual (which is the organisation that is responsible for overseeing examinations and qualifications) and at the same time I have been working with your teachers on ensuring you are in our thinking and planning of work for your future examinations. Revised advice and guidance from Ofqual published a consultation process which includes the statement below which can be found using the link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-seeks-views-on-gcse-and-a-level-grading-proposals-for-2020>

Who should receive a calculated grade

Whether students entered for exams in year 10 or below should receive a calculated grade this summer

We set out in our information document that we considered the arrangements should only apply to students in year 11 or above, who needed grades to progress, and that we would consult on this view. We have since received representations from centres, parents and others indicating that the progression of some such students would be disrupted if they were not awarded a grade this summer, and to exclude them would have an unfair impact. We now consider the fairest option is that results should be issued for students in year 10 and below who anticipated sitting exams this summer and we are seeking views on this proposal."

As with Year 11 and Year 13, I appreciate this is an anxious time for many of you and you are concerned about what the impact of the current situation is on you and your future examinations; the outcome from those examinations and your next steps to Sixth Form, to college, onto apprenticeship, to University or whichever route you choose. I write to reassure you that with the process we have used for Years 11 and 13, we will apply the same principles to your outcomes for examinations that would be taking place this year if that is what is decided following the consultation. In addition, I am sure you have a number of questions about continuing with work.

Should I continue with my studies for each subject?

The simple answer to this is yes. It is important that you continue with your studies in each of your subjects. I have been in contact with each of the Faculty and Subject Leaders and they are continuing to set work for you through Teams. We have noticed that some pupils may be experiencing some difficulty in accessing work on Teams as they are not completing the assignments and learning tasks that are set. If you are experiencing difficulty with either accessing the work, or completing the work, please get in touch with a member of staff or email enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk and we will forward your concern to the relevant member of staff. I have written previously about the national learning resources on BBC Bitesize and The Oak National Academy which some of you may have already accessed and find useful. I am aware that not all subjects are on these web sites and not all the content is as detailed as that which you are receiving from your teachers. I know it may be difficult to continue to study at home but please continue to do your best as this will help you to return to school.

How much work should I be doing each day?

I have previously written to say there is no expectation for you to be logging on to Teams and attempting to follow your usual school timetable. Your teachers are setting work for you to tackle at a pace that best suits you and to make sure the examination course content is covered; for a number of subjects there will be required deadlines, for others the requirement will be to complete the work as an ongoing process to support your learning so when we return to school you are able to follow on

with your studies and the examination course expectations. I have received communication from several of your teachers who have let me know they are in regular contact with you over Teams and in some cases working on lessons together as if you were in the classroom.

Which examination boards are used for each of my subjects?

GCSE Specification Codes 2019/20

Subject	Board	Spec Code	Unit	Unit	Unit	Unit
Art	AQA	8201				
Biology	AQA	8461				
Business - Enterprise (Cam Nat)	OCR	J819				
Chemistry	AQA	8462				
Computer Science	OCR	J276	J276B/01	J276B/02	J276B/04(CA)	
Creative Studies	NCFE	Vcert Creative Studies				
Creative Craft - DSP	NCFE	Entry Level 1 Award				
Dance	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
Design Technology	AQA	8552				
Drama	Edexcel	1DR0				
English Lang	AQA	8700				
English Lit	AQA	8702				
Entry Level English - Year 10	AQA	5970	5972 - Step Up to Engl			
Engineering	AQA	8852				
Food Tech - Year 10 (Hospitality & Catering Spec)	WJEC					
French	AQA	8658				
Geography	AQA	8035				
German	AQA	8668				
Graphic Design	NCFE	Level 1 Technical Award				
History - Year 10	Eduqas	C100	C100UB	C100UH	C100U2	C100U5
Health & Social Care	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
IT - iMedia (Cam Nat)	OCR	J817				
Maths	AQA	8300				
Further Maths	AQA	8365				
Entry Level Maths	AQA	5930				
Media Studies	AQA	8572				
Music	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
Music	Edexcel	1MU0				
PE	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
Physics	AQA	8463				
RS (Spec A)	AQA	8062	8062A	8062B		
Science	AQA	8464				
Entry Level Science	AQA	5960				
Spanish	AQA	8698				
Textiles	Edexcel	See BTEC List				

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Subject	Board	Spec Code A2	unit A2	unit A2	unit A2	unit A2
Art	AQA	7201	7201 X/C			
Biology	AQA	7402	7402/1	7402/2	7402/3	7402/C
Business Studies	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
Chemistry	AQA	7405	7405/1	7405/2	7405/3	7405/C
Computer Science	OCR	H446				
Dance(perf arts)	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
Economics	AQA	7136	7136/1	7136/2	7136/3	
English Lang	Edexcel	9ENO				
English Lit	Edexcel	9ETO				
Extended Project	AQA					
French	AQA	7652				
Geography	Edexcel	9GE0				
German	AQA	7662				
Health and Social Care	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
History	Edexcel		1C	2C.2	39.1	
ICT	OCR	Cambridge Technicals L3 in ICT (Y12 and 13) see sep l				
Maths	Edexcel	9MA0				
Further Maths	Edexcel	9FM0				
Media Studies - Yr13	OCR	H409	H409A	H409B	H409C	
Media Studies - Yr12	JEC/Educa	A680QS				
Music	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
Photography	AQA	7246 / 7206	7206 X/C			
Physics A	AQA	7408	7408/1	7408/2	7408/3BA	
Product Design	AQA					
Psychology	JEC/Educa	A290QS				
RS	JEC/Educa	A120PB				
Applied Medical Science	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
Applied Science	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
Sociology	AQA	7192	7192/1	7192/2	7192/3	
Spanish	AQA	7692				
Sports Science	Edexcel	See BTEC List				
Textiles	AQA	7562				



What are the next steps for school?

It is important that you continue to focus on your studies and balancing this with time for yourself and being with your family; we are all living through an unprecedented time which means things are very different for all of us. Currently, there is no guidance on how schools are to extend their opening to larger numbers of pupils and still retain social distancing rules. School remains open for children of Key Workers and those with an EHCP. Our Careers Advisor is currently working with all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students to ensure they are supported in their next steps; once this process is complete, I have asked that she works with Year 10 and Year 12 pupils to ensure we are together, planning your next steps and providing support.

I hope that schools will begin to reopen soon, and we can welcome you back and support you with getting back into the routines of school. We will keep in contact with you and your parents/carers. As I receive any further information, I will keep you updated. All your teachers and I are incredibly proud of what you are doing to focus on your future achievements. With our very best wishes, we hope to see you soon.

Yours sincerely

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