



Dear Parent/Carer s

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## RE: AWARDING OF EXTERNAL EXAM RESULTS – CALCULATED GRADES

Over the weekend, the government has released more advice regarding how Ofqual intend to award results this Summer. The full guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

We are aware that this is an anxious time for many of our students and have sought to summarise the guidance below:

There is to be a 'calculated grade process' which is standardised across schools. Students **will not be awarded their predicted grades**. Calculated grades will be awarded as formal calculated grades for every exam that would have been taken. These grades will be indistinguishable from grades awarded in any other year.

The process by which grades are awarded is currently being worked on by Ofqual and schools and will be based on a wide range of evidence. This process will be shared with schools when all the steps are clarified. The evidence that will be used by the exam boards to calculate grades is likely to include:

- Non-exam assessment (coursework)
- Mock exams
- Teacher assessment
- Prior grades
- Past performance of the school

The Summer exams **are cancelled and this will not be changed**. There will, however, be an opportunity for students who do not feel that their calculated grade reflects their performance to sit an exam at a date to be confirmed when schools and colleges open again; students will also have the option to sit exams in Summer 2021. Universities have said that they will show the utmost flexibility for students who are delaying starting to take an exam – students should speak to their university from which they have an offer **after** receiving their calculated grade.

Any further updates, will be posted on our website and our pastoral teams, our Exams Officer, Ms Gaiu and Careers Guidance Manager, Mr Egan, are ready to support when the calculated grades are released.

Thank you for your continued support and please do remain vigilant about following government guidance in this period.

Yours sincerely

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