The Sixth Form

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Awarding Grades, Summer 2021

Following the cancellation of the Summer exams, the Department for Education have now published plans for how exam grades for GCSE and A Level students will be awarded in the summer of 2021.

The Government have confirmed that teachers, who know their students best, will be trusted and supported to ensure that all students are given grades based on what they have covered, rather than what they may have missed due to the pandemic.

The Government have also confirmed that an algorithm will not be used to help generate grades.

A summary of the announcements can be found at:

Teacher assessed grades for students - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Some of the key points:

- Students will be awarded teacher assessed grades which can be based on a range of evidence including optional exam board set assessments and questions, mock exams, coursework and other work completed such as essays, practical work and in-class tests
- Teacher assessed grades have to be submitted by 18 June 2021
- A Level results will be released slightly earlier on 10th August 2021

We expect to receive more detailed guidance from the exam boards later this term and will keep you fully updated with our plans to ensure that students are assessed fairly, and receive the grades they need to progress in their next steps, whether that be higher education, training or employment.

We have been so impressed by students' hard work, resilience and perseverance throughout this year, and especially during this latest lockdown period.

We are now looking forward to seeing 6th Form students back in school from next week so that they can complete this stage of their education back in the classrooms where they learn best.

Yours faithfully,

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