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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

How will grades be awarded this summer?

As we begin to look ahead to the summer term I wanted to write and set out the current government guidelines (attached) about how grades will be awarded this summer.

We are very aware that this is a period of uncertainty and anxiety for pupils, parents and carers and I wanted to assure you that we are following all the government guidance, and will of course do everything that we can to be as supportive, clear and organised about what is required as we go forwards.

The crucial point to underline is that **grades have not yet been decided.**

Work that the students undertake over the next two months will be used, along with all the other assessments from the past 18 months, to help the school decide on the most appropriate grade to award against a nationally-defined standard.

Therefore, I strongly encourage all our students to continue to attend classes, to learn, to act on feedback from their teachers, to revise, and to read around their subjects.

Their grade will be based on their performance, so their outcomes are ultimately in their own hands.

I will write again, towards the end of March, when we should have final details of the approach and quality assurance processes that schools will be directed to undertake.

In the meantime, please do contact your child's Tutor should you have any particular concerns or require any further support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Hales
Headteacher