

Dear Parent/Carer and Year 11 Students

RE: End of Year Examinations Summer 2020

You will already be aware that the May/June summer examinations have been cancelled, following the announcement made by the Secretary of State for Education.

We understand this is a difficult time for you and your family but we will do whatever we can to support you. The Government has promised that this disruption will not affect any post 16 destinations. They have said 'The Government's priority is now to ensure affected students can move on as planned to the next stage of their lives, including going into employment, starting university, college or sixth form courses, or an apprenticeship in the autumn'

On Friday, the Secretary of State for Education

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>) has published a statement outlining the key aspects of the process, which will involve the use of teacher judgements (calculated grades) to replace examination grades.

Key messages from the statement;

- Teacher judgements will be based on the overall qualification grade each student is likely to achieve at the end of their course of study, based on their performance on a range of teacher assessments which will include variety of sources such as mock exam grades, controlled assessments and classwork.
- Teacher judgements, for this purpose, are not ambitious grades that learners might aspire to achieve, but are the grades the students would have achieved if the exams had gone ahead.
- Awarding bodies will consider the full range of evidence, including teacher judgements, to produce a final calculated grade to award to each student.
- Exam boards will be in contact with schools no later than April to provide further details on how and when to submit these calculated grades.
- If students do not believe the correct process has been followed in their case they will be able to appeal on that basis. In addition, if they do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance, they will have the opportunity to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once school is open again. Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021.

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We will continue to support our year 11 students and strongly recommend that you continue your learning because;

1. Learning is valuable
2. What you learn now will help you with year 12 and your future
3. It is likely that there could be some form of assessment in the near future

More information will be provided as soon as we receive guidance from the Government.

Thank you for all your support during these difficult times.

Stay safe, stay isolated!

Yours sincerely

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