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RE: Grading of examination results for Summer 2020 for Year 11 and 13

Dear Parent / Carer

As promised the government has today announced guidance on how schools are going to grade results for examinations due to be sat this Summer. Currently, this only applies to GCSE and A Level qualifications. We are awaiting further advice on vocational courses such as BTEC and we will share this with you when it becomes available.

For every GCSE, AS and A level subject, exam boards will require each school, college or other exam centre to submit the following information:

- a centre assessment grade for each student – the judgement submitted to the exam board by the Head of Centre about the grade that each student is most likely to have achieved if they had sat their exams. This professional judgement is derived from evidence held within the centre and which has been reviewed by subject teachers and relevant heads of department
- the rank order of students within each grade – for example, for all those students with a grade of 5 in GCSE maths, or a grade B in A level biology, a rank order where 1 is the most secure/highest attaining student, and so on.

Teachers should draw on existing records and available evidence (as far as possible in the context of current public health advice). It is important that the judgements are objective, and they should only take account of evidence about student performance.

This will include the following, where it is available.

- records of each student's performance over the course of study, including for example progress review data, classwork, bookwork, and/or participation in performances in subjects such as music, drama and PE
- performance on any non-exam assessment (NEA), even if this has not been fully completed. You should not ask students to complete their NEA work and you do not need to submit marks for any completed NEA. But you will need to bear in mind that many students achieve a higher grade on their NEA than in their exams, so you should not base your judgment on NEA alone. You should balance it with your judgement about their likely performance in the written paper(s), where appropriate. In case students decide that they want to enter in a subsequent exam series, you should retain any NEA work completed to date
- for re-sitting students, any information about previous grades achieved or NEA marks that would, under normal circumstances, have been carried forward



- for A level students who took AS in 2019, their AS results in that subject performance on any class or homework assessments and mock exams taken over the course of study
- tier of entry in tiered subjects – centre assessment grades must reflect the tier of entry (9 to 3 for higher tier; 5 to 1 for foundation, as well as U)
- previous results in your centre in this subject – these will vary according to a number of factors, including prior attainment of the students, but our data5 shows that for most centres any year-on-year variation in results for a given subject is normally quite small
- the performance of this year’s students compared to those in previous years
- any other relevant information

The full details, including a letter to all students from the Chief Regulator of Ofqual can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

Please allow us time to digest this information and work has already started to make sure that we fulfil our duties to every student through this process. As outlined in the guidance we are not allowed to share any centre assessment grades nor the rank order of students with students/parents. This is to ensure the process is fair, rigorous and completed with integrity. Please rest assured we will do everything in our control to make sure that the students get the grade that we believe they deserve.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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