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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 13 students

Ofqual (the exams regulator) and the DfE have now announced more details of their plans for how exams will be graded (you may see some information today in the news). They have written a guidance document for teachers and parents, which you can read [here](#).

We know you will have been waiting anxiously for news about what the process might look like, but wanted to wait until we received this guidance before we wrote to you. We do hope that you and your families are keeping well and that this update will answer some of the questions that you will undoubtedly have.

As a school, we will now be working in response to the guidance issued by Ofqual today to ensure that all of our students are graded fairly for the hard work they have invested in their studies.

One point that we do need to highlight from the Ofqual press release is the following:

*“Schools and colleges have been told that they must not share their centre assessment grades with students, parents or carers, under any circumstances, until after final results are issued. This is to protect the integrity of centres’ judgements, and to avoid anyone feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence. Since the final grades for some or all students in a centre could be different from those submitted, it also helps to manage students’ expectations.”*

As a result of this, our staff are now **prohibited from having any discussions regarding the awarding of grades for individual students** with parents, or with the students themselves. Please refrain from emailing staff with questions relating to this matter.

At the moment, we do not have further information about BTEC courses or any planned appeals process. Nor has there been final confirmation regarding the proposed autumn exam season. What we do know is that there will be an opportunity for students who are unhappy with their final grades to sit examinations before the end of 2020. As a result, we are encouraging all of our Y13 students to continue with the learning being set by their teachers via Google Classroom, to complete their A Level courses.

As we receive further updates, we will communicate these via our weekly update to students, which we will continue to share with parents and carers.

Thank you again for your patience and support at this challenging time.

Wishing you and your families the best of health.

Yours faithfully

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