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Dear Year 11 Students and Families

On Friday, I wrote to you to explain that Ofqual had made an announcement about the arrangements for the awarding of GCSE grades this summer. I also shared with you a copy of a letter that they had written to students which explains clearly how the process will work.

The Leadership Team and I have now had an opportunity to meet (virtually) to look at these arrangements in detail. I wanted to reassure you that we have a plan in place and that we have explained to staff exactly how we will arrive at the Centre Assessment Grades that we will be submitting to the exam boards.

I also wanted to share with you the guidance that Ofqual have written for parents and carers. Please see that [here](#). Please can I highlight one particularly important paragraph:

[Will students see the centre assessment grades their school or college submits?](#)

[No. It is important schools and colleges do not share provisional grades, nor rank orders, with students or parents and carers before final results have been issued. This is to protect the integrity of the teachers' judgements, and to avoid teachers, Heads of Department or Heads of Centre feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence. Once centre assessment grades have been submitted to exam boards, the process to produce the final grades will start. More information will be given to teachers, students, parents and carers at the time final results are issued.](#)

As per the national guidance, we will not be able to share grades with you as parents.

When the school term begins again on April 20 (although we are, of course, open for some students over the Easter holidays), we will be contacting all of our Year 11 teachers asking them to advise us whether any part of the Year 11 course is yet to be taught. In some subject areas, courses have been fully taught, in others, there is still some content that hasn't been covered owing to school closure.

After this time, we will organise for any final content to be uploaded on to Show My Homework. **This will, of course, only be relevant for those students wishing to complete courses. As per the guidance, students do not need to complete any more work to contribute to their centre assessment grade.**

Yours sincerely

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