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Yr 11 Exam Grades, Completion of Work and Sixth Form Transition

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you are all keeping well and taking the necessary steps to look after yourself and the people you love and care for. Further to the message your daughter received via Class Charts, we wanted to keep you updated with information from the government regarding exam grades and how they would be awarded. The Department for Education released a document on Friday which you can find below. It outlines the key questions you have as students/parents and the ones we similarly have as teachers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

From this guidance we can ascertain

- GCSE, A and AS Level students will be awarded a grade which fairly reflects the work they have put in.
- The exam boards will be asking teachers to submit their judgement about the grade they believe the student would have received if the exams had gone ahead.
- To produce this, teachers will take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mocks and non-exam assessment and other factors such as prior attainment, so students' final grades will not necessarily reflect their predicted grades.
- Students who do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance will have the opportunity to sit an exam, as soon as is reasonably possible after schools and colleges open again. Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021.

There will be further guidance issued to schools in the coming weeks which will outline how to do this fairly and robustly and we will once again update you when we receive this. However, in light of the information we have had so far, it is important that **students continue to complete all outstanding work and work set by their teachers on Class Charts and GCSEpod.**

Sixth Form

The Government's priority is to ensure affected students can move on as planned to the next stage of their lives, which for many of our Year 11 means Broughton Hall Sixth Form. We want to assure you that your daughter will not be penalised as a result of this. In many respects, we are in a privileged position to be able to support your daughter with transition to Sixth Form as we know their needs better than anyone and will be able to advise accordingly.

Once we have received further clarity from the government, we will be in touch to outline how we will support your daughter with transition to Sixth Form. We anticipate that there will be opportunities to discuss course choices and suitability with the sixth form team and summer work will be set to support progression onto Level 3 courses. Our careers advisor, Karen Meagher is on hand to support all of our pupils during this time too.

We thank you for your ongoing support during this time.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss S Connolly - Director of Learning Year 10 & 11

Mrs K Hayes - Director of Sixth Form

Broughton Hall High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people; we expect all pupils, staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

