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Year 13 Exam Grades, Completion of Work and Post 18 Progression

Dear Parents and 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. 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 coursework and work set by their teachers on Class Charts and via email.**

Post 18 Progression

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 13 means starting university or an apprenticeship in the autumn. We have advised all students to make their firm / insurance choice once they feel informed enough to do so. We have found that many universities have been amending offers once the student has done this. **Once Year 13 students have finished all outstanding A-Level / BTEC work and coursework**, we would recommend students progressing to university to complete a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) related to their course of study. The students can access these free via our careers platform UniFrog. These courses will greatly support transition to university and prepare them for higher education. There are a number of students who are in the process of applying for jobs / apprenticeships. The sixth form team will be contacting these students weekly to track their progress and identify what support they require. We can also offer advice via Karen Meagher from Career Connect to those who need it.

We thank you for your ongoing support during this time and if you do have any questions please don't hesitate in contacting us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Hayes - Director of Learning Sixth Form

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