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Dear Parents/Carers

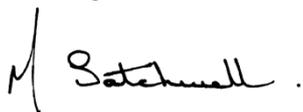
I am pleased to be able to give you more details regarding the process involved in awarding this year's examination grades following information published by Ofqual.

- Teachers will use their professional judgement to arrive at final grades based on a range of evidence completed during the students' course of study
- Students will be assessed on what they have been taught in each subject including both work completed in school and remotely. The evidence can be from work previously completed, and that completed over the next few months. Teachers will take a holistic approach to making judgements and will look for consistency in the work produced
- Subject Staff will teach their course content for as long as possible which will enable more opportunities for providing evidence
- A series of mock examinations and in-class assessments are planned for April/May to help provide more up-to-date benchmarks
- The marking of the mock examinations will be moderated and standardised across each subject
- Other assessments and evidence will be provided through classwork and homework
- The examination boards are also in the process of producing assessment materials for schools to use if they so desire. These materials include mark schemes and exemplar materials
- In addition we will use previous module reports and indicative grades to help with our decision making
- Each judgement of the Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) will be based on the evidence available for each student and will take into account their individual circumstances
- To support the students we will apply Access Arrangements and Special Concessions to suit the students' entitlements
- Unfortunately parents/carers are not allowed to enquire about grades at this time
- Schools are to be monitored by the examination boards examining the systems and processes they have in place to make sure that grades are awarded to students in a fair way that reflects the content they have been taught
- Every school must have their quality assurance processes in place before they submit grades
- Some schools will have an in-depth quality assurance check at subject level in June and July after the grades have been submitted. These checks will either be random or will have been triggered because there are concerns over the grades awarded
- On receipt of their examination results students have the right to make an appeal to the Academy who will check that no mistake was made when allocating the grades, and that the correct evidence was used
- All of the Teacher Assessed Grades will be completed by the 18<sup>th</sup> June. Results days are 10<sup>th</sup> August for A Level/Level 3 Vocational subjects and 12<sup>th</sup> August for GCSE/Level 2 Vocational subjects

We will continue to offer all students as much support as possible during this process.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation during these unusual times.

Kind Regards



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