



Dear Parent/Guardian

In light of recent changes to examinations, I am writing to give you an outline of how we intend to support your son/daughter during this time.

The main thing you need to know is that we will be working tirelessly to ensure that no student is in any way disadvantaged by the current circumstances. This is an unprecedented situation, but it is one where UCAS, the exam boards, the government and the school are all united in their belief that our students come first.

Exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.

To produce this, teachers will be asked to take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment. Clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly will be provided to schools and colleges soon.

As we do not have the full details of this process yet, we will continue to set work online for Year 13 and it is imperative that any outstanding pieces of coursework/controlled assessment are completed in full and to the highest standard as this will be useful evidence of student progress.

Exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in.

Regulators and exam boards will be discussing with teachers' representatives before finalising the approach, to ensure that it's as fair as possible. More information will be provided as soon as possible.

We will not be able to share the data that goes into this process, and we must ask that students do not ask to know teacher predictions etc. You must rest assured that we will do everything in our power to be scrupulously fair to every student, and that we will engage with the government and exam boards at every stage.

The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July. These grades will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years.

Students will be able to appeal their grades if they don't believe the right process has been followed.

There will also be an option to sit exams early in the next academic year for any students who wish to – and students can also choose to sit exams next summer. As a centre, we will provide any advice and support students need during this process.

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You can find further guidance on this at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>

Students will be set work on Show my Homework (SMHW) – so they can continue their studies, they will receive a daily bulletin which will contain useful government information, examination updates and tasks/activities which will build their learning across the curriculum.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns:

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