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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you to clarify the school's position on the information released by Ofqual on Fri 3/4/20 which set out the principles of how grades will be awarded to Y11 and Y13 students in the summer of 2020. **It is important to emphasise that this information only applies to GCSE and A Level subjects, grading information about vocational subjects (eg. Btecs) will be released in due course.**

The principles of how grades will be awarded this summer are as follows:

- Teachers will be asked to submit a teacher predicted grade based on a wide range of evidence.
- Teachers will then rank order the students within the same grade.
- This grade will be checked by the Head of Department and Head of School before sending them onto exam boards.

Further to this, Ofqual have stated that NEAs (Non-examined assessments – commonly referred to as 'coursework') will be considered by teachers when forming their predictions. The marks for these NEAs will not be submitted to exam boards and they will not be moderated this year. Therefore, all students who are currently completing work for their NEAs in GCSE and A Level subjects need not continue with this work. They should send any NEA work that they have completed to their teachers by email for them to use when forming their teacher predictions.

Ofqual has instructed all teachers not to communicate the predictions that they have made for grading purposes with parents or students in advance of the results day, scheduled for the end of July.

We will add to the above guidance once we have received confirmation from Ofqual about the system for awarding grades for vocational subjects.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. D. Smith

Interim Head of School