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Dear Parents / Carers

Public Examinations 2020 – Centre Assessment Grades

The Department for Education and Ofqual have now published the detail relating to arrangements for this summer's public examinations for GCSE, AS and A Level subjects. The awarding of vocational qualifications is still to be published. The link below provides an explanation booklet and a letter to students. Both of these are clear about how the grades will be calculated.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

Please take time to read this information so that you are familiar with the process.

The key messages are that all schools will submit their centre assessment grades at the end of May this year. The document also states that Schools and colleges do not need to ask students to complete any unfinished non-exam assessment work for the purposes of grading. Students therefore should do no more work for coursework or non-examined assessments and must not to submit these to school.

Exam boards and Ofqual will then apply their moderation procedures to these centre assessment grades and look to make awards of GCSEs and A-levels either on or before the usual examination results days in August. The government seem keen for students to know the outcomes of their hard work as quickly as possible, so we might assume that results will come earlier than the current published results dates.

They re-iterate that the centre assessment grades are confidential and schools are not allowed to share these with you. We would request that you do not contact teachers, heads of subject or senior leadership in relation to your child's trial examination or predicted grades as this is vital to the integrity of the system.

I understand that this will be a very stressful time for you and your children however, please be assured that we have your child's best interests at heart and will ensure a robust, fair and equitable approach is followed by all staff, with further scrutiny from our school leadership team before reaching any final decisions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P A Ramsey', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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