



Friday, 27th March 2020

Dear Year 11 and Year 13 students and Parent/Carer

I write to provide you with a little more detail on what is expected of our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they complete their learning from home, and as we wait to hear more from the Government about how students will be awarded their qualifications this Summer. Most importantly, our teachers will continue to help and support students to ensure that they are well-placed to get the qualifications they deserve.

What we know at the moment is that this summer's examinations are cancelled. Instead, examination boards will ask teachers to submit their judgement – based on a range of evidence - on the grade that they believe students would have attained if the examinations had gone ahead. This judgement will then be moderated by the examination boards, based on a range of evidence, and a final "calculated grade" produced by the end of July.

The Government have said that if students do not feel their calculated grade reflects their true performance, they will have the opportunity to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again. Students will also have the option to "re-sit" their examinations in summer 2021.

The current guidelines from the Government can be read in full here:

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

We believe that it is really important that students continue to work hard as if they are still preparing for the examinations. This is because their attitude towards their work and the quality of that work in the next few months will have an impact on the qualifications they are awarded by the exam boards. It will also put them in a strong position if they wish to re-sit an exam once our academy re-opens.

For our Year 13 students, we have been led to understand that universities will be flexible this year and do all they can to support students to ensure they can progress to higher education. Our academy is committed to supporting our Year 13 students and ensuring that they can continue to their studies as they had planned.

Finally, the Government has promised school leaders a further update on this matter sometime next week. As soon as we have this, we will let you know.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Dawes".

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