

8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Awarding of Grades in Summer 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I am writing to you to explain how your son/daughter's GCSE, Level 2 Vocational Qualification (BTEC), A level or Level 3 Vocational Qualifications will be calculated this year.

As I am sure you know by now, examinations for summer 2021 have been cancelled and will be replaced with Teacher Assessed Grades.

Teachers will only make judgements on the content of each subject that has been delivered, and not on what a student might achieve if the whole course was completed. Teachers will use a broad range of evidence from throughout the course to inform their judgements and will make these judgements in late May or early June to allow teaching and learning to continue for as long as possible. Students should, therefore, continue to work to their best ability once they return to school. Non-exam assessments, for example coursework in some subjects, will continue and will provide evidence towards an overall grade.

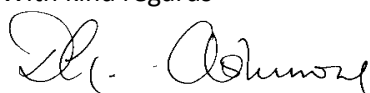
Ofqual and the Government are determined that it will be no easier or harder for a student to achieve a particular grade this year compared to previous years and schools will undergo rigorous quality assurance procedures to check that the judgement of grades is not unduly harsh or lenient and the examination boards will be undertaking random sampling to check decisions.

I have included a link [here](#) to Ofqual's decisions on how grades will be determined and another link [here](#) which is the letter from the Secretary of State Gavin Williamson to Simon Lebus, the Chief Regulator of Ofqual, both of which explain in much detail how the decisions have arisen.

Results days this year have been brought forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> August for A level/Level 3 qualifications and the 12<sup>th</sup> August for GCSE/Level 2 qualifications. Your son/daughter will be given a time slot on the relevant day in which to come into the academy to collect their results. On both days, staff will be on hand to help with the transitions to the next phase of your child's education.


Please be assured we will do all we can to support your son/daughter to make a successful progression to the next stage of their education, employment or training.




With kind regards



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