

Dear Student and Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that this year's GCSE and A Level examinations in May and June will not take place. Ofqual, the JCQ, DfE, teaching organisations and the awarding bodies will be working closely together to decide how best to manage this situation to be fair to all students that would have taken exams this summer.

"This means ensuring GCSE, A and AS level students are awarded a grade which fairly reflects the work that they have put in. There will also be an option to sit an exam early in the next academic year for students who wish to. Ofqual will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible, and will work with the exam boards to ensure this is consistently applied for all students."

Teachers will be asked to submit grades based on a range of evidence and performance. The exam boards will use this and other relevant data, including prior attainment to produce a calculated grade for each student.

Calculated grades are aimed to be awarded by the end of July. Prior to this, it is not possible to share any grade information with students. Students will be able to appeal on the basis that the correct process has not been followed. If students do not feel that their calculated grade reflects their performance, there will be an opportunity to take an exam early in the Autumn term, or in summer 2021.

This page will be updated as we receive more information.

Please find links below to the latest information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/update-following-announcement-on-exams-and-grades>

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/media-centre/news-releases/jcq-response-to-the-department-for-educations-statemente>

Yours sincerely,

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