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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus Update-GSCE and A Level Exams

I write to provide you with the latest update from the government, for awarding GCSE and A Level grades to students whose exam have been cancelled this summer. The main points include:

- The exam boards will be asking teachers to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if the exams had gone ahead;
- To produce this, teachers will take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on practice/mock exams and non-exam assessment;
- The exam boards will combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student;
- The aim is to provide the calculated grades to students by the end of July;
- If students do not feel their calculated grade reflects their 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 sit their exams in Summer 2021;
- **Ofqual and exam boards will be discussing with teachers' representatives before finalising an approach, to ensure that it is as fair as possible.**

Whilst this is the initial plan, we will continue to keep you updated with further information.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Year 11 and 13 students who have shown courage and unwavering determination at such a turbulent time. I am incredibly proud of each of our students and the school will continue to support them in the next step of their journey, whether that be employment, college/sixth form courses, university or an apprenticeship.

I have reassured our Year 11 and 13 students that whilst we have had to cancel events, such as the prom, when we return to school we will arrange a celebration event for them.

I wish you and your family all the very best in the forthcoming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

Charlotte Clarke
Head of Academy

