



Dear Parents and Carers,

Examination grading for 2020 Summer Examinations

We have all been eagerly awaiting the guidance regarding grading examinations, this summer. Please see the link to this below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf

For this summer's awards, schools and trusts are being asked to provide centre assessment grades for their students. These should be fair, objective and carefully considered judgements of the grades schools and colleges believe their students would have been most likely to achieve if they had sat their exams and should take into account the full range of available evidence.

Exam Boards will expect schools to submit a centre assessment grade for every student in each of their subjects: that is, the grade they would be most likely to have achieved if they had sat their exams and completed any non-exam assessment. We have been given clear guidance that judgements should balance different sources of evidence such as classwork, bookwork and any participation in performances in subjects such as music, drama or PE; any non-exam assessment – whether or not complete; the results of any assignments or mock exams; previous examination results – for example, for any re-sitting students; and any other records of student performance over the course of study.

We think the guidance will answer most of the questions you have. We will be working with all our teachers, when they return after Easter, to ensure that they are supported in applying this guidance.

We will shortly be sending all affected students a letter from Ofqual, the link to a copy of this letter is here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf.

I know that this is not an acceptable situation for you or your children; they have worked so hard towards the examinations. Please try to reassure them that we will be working extremely hard to ensure we apply the advice in the most ethical and professional way we can, this should ensure they really do get what they would have done had the examinations gone ahead in the traditional way.

Yours faithfully,

Darren Turner
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