

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule



FAO: Parents & Carers of Year 11 Students

RE: DfE & Ofqual Parent & Student Consultation

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well at this time.

On **Friday 15th January 2021**, the Department for Education (DfE) announced the opening of the consultation regarding their proposals for replacing the GCSE examination series schedules for the summer of 2021. In the DfE press release, which can be found [here](#), it is proposed that teachers are to determine grades using a range of evidence that reflects students' hard work and ability.

The DfE and Ofqual (the exams regulator) have recognise the impact the disruption to education has had over the last year and are seeking views on how to award grades in a way that accurately reflects students' performance. Details regarding their proposals can be found in the document '*Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021*' a copy of which can be found [here](#).

Ofqual and the DfE state that through this joint consultation, they wish to hear the views of students who were due to take their exams, their parents and carers, their teachers, school and college leaders and others who have an interest, including further and higher education providers and employers. Therefore, we encourage our students, as well as their parents and carers, to contribute and put their views forward via this [link](#). The deadline for submitting your contributions to the consultation is **11.45pm on Friday 29th January 2021**.

The proposals being put forward by the DfE and Ofqual, as well as the launch of the consultation, means our message for all Year 11 students continues to be that their attainment this summer is still in their own hands. Hard work will be rewarded and their future is not yet written.

Once again, thank you for your continued support in the education of our students at Denton Community College.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rule", is positioned above the printed name.

Greg Rule
Headteacher