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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: YEAR 13 UPDATE FOR ENFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is David Wragg and I have been appointed as Assistant Headteacher – Head of Sixth Form at Enfield Grammar School. It seems strange that I am writing this letter to you without meeting your sons, however, I think you will agree that we are currently living through some difficult circumstances. I hope to meet you all in the near future.

I know that many of you are concerned and anxious about the impact that this shut-down will have on your son's A-Level results and their future prospects. As a school, we are slowly beginning to receive information about the process for awarding grades for examination cohorts.

All schools and colleges are being asked to send exam boards two pieces of information for each of your son's A-Level subjects (including Extended Project Qualifications), based on what we know about his work and achievements. The information below does not relate to BTEC and Technical qualifications but I will ensure that information about these courses is shared with you when it is made available. The A Level in-school assessments, which have been called "Centre Assessment Grades", include:

1. The grade teachers believe your son was most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened normally as planned.
2. Within each subject, the ranked order of students at the School, by performance, for each grade. This information will be used to standardise judgements – allowing fine-tuning of the standard applied across schools and colleges.

Enfield Grammar School teachers, along with the teachers of all other schools and colleges, will consider a range of things like your son's classwork and homework, his results in assignments and any mock exams, any non-exam assessment or coursework he may have done, and your son's general progress during his course.

This information will allow the exam boards to standardise grades across schools and colleges to make sure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged because their schools or colleges are more generous or harsh than others when making those judgements. That means the final grade your son is awarded could be different from the one Enfield Grammar School sends to the exam board because of "Grade Adjustment".



The exam boards have been very clear that schools should not share any of the centre assessment grades with students, parents or carers under any circumstances; we must follow this guidance and will not be sharing this information. Results will be published in the normal way, but will be released to students on **Thursday 13 August 2020**. I will contact you towards the end of this half term to clarify the process for collecting results from the School.

The Government advice is that schools are not required to set additional mock exams or homework for your centre assessment grade, and your son won't be disadvantaged if he was not set, or was unable to complete, any work given out after schools were closed. However, it is essential that all his course content is fully completed so that your son is able to progress with further future study in each of his subjects. At Enfield Grammar School, teachers have been asked to ensure that all course content has been delivered and to remotely deliver any outstanding learning. Please also be reminded that the Department of Education has also said that students may have the chance to sit these exams in the future. This would enable your son to challenge any grade he has been awarded. If this is the case, students must finish the course and learning that is asked of them over this period.

Please be reassured that the grades your son is awarded this summer will look exactly the same as in previous years, and they will have equal status with universities, colleges and employers, to enable them to move forward in their lives as planned.

The School has been advised to watch this short YouTube video, which you may also find useful - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wK2T7wcPmvU&feature=youtu.be>

I fully understand and share the stresses, strains and uncertainty that students are currently being placed under; these are unprecedented times and no-one could have predicted that your son would finish his compulsory education in this way. Please allow me to re-iterate how mindful I am about striking a balance between study, personal wellbeing and family life. My advice is that you try to stick to a daily routine for school days to include:

- Study and/or school work;
- Time to connect with others throughout the day – interactively and face to face;
- Daily exercise – outside whenever safety possible;
- Daily reading;
- Well-being activity/family time.

I hope that we will be able to arrange end of school celebrations when restrictions have been lifted, however, in the meantime, I will ensure that you are kept informed of any information that is received during this period of extended lockdown and I look forward to meeting you in person over the coming months.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this challenging period.

Yours sincerely

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