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Dear Parent/Carer

## RE: AWARDING OF GCSE GRADES – SUMMER 2020

I hope this letter finds you well and you managed to have a good Easter break under what can only be described as unusual and unprecedented circumstances.

This week should have been the start of the summer term, a term where normally, your son would be preparing to sit his GCSE examinations. This summer term however, is very different to the one we were expecting.

As a school, we promised that once we knew more about the situation regarding the exam grading for the summer exams, we would pass on these details to you. This letter outlines this information.

Ofqual, the exam regulator, has issued updated guidance and I want to share with you, what this means for our students.

The School's Senior Leadership Team have already started working with Heads of Department, who have been asked to apply the guidance that has been issued to schools, in a way that is consistent and fair.

Grades will be based primarily on data that is held on individual students. This will enable us to make meaningful judgements across the whole cohort.

As well as giving grades for each student for each of their subjects, the School is being asked to rank students within each subject too. This is to indicate the most secure students in each grade down to the least secure.

As stated by the guidance, I must emphasise that at no point will anyone at the School be able to reveal to students or parents/carers, the grades submitted or the rank order. Therefore, please do not ask for this information, as it will not be given.

To emphasise this, Ofqual have said:

*"Schools and colleges have been told that they must not share their centre assessment grades with students, parents or carers, under any circumstances, until after final results are issued. This is to protect the integrity of centres' judgements, and to avoid anyone feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence".*



Additionally, Ofqual have confirmed that:

*“There is no requirement for centres to set additional mock exams or homework tasks. It is advised that work completed after 20 March 2020, when schools closed, should not be considered when making judgements on centre assessment grades”.*

For further clarification, Ofqual have issued a letter to students themselves, which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020/letter-to-students-summer-2020-grading>

There is also a very useful video, which you can watch here: <https://youtu.be/VXuDOrtJY1Q>

Once submitted to the exam boards, the grades will be processed through a moderation calculation that will include cohort prior performance, prior school performance and what nationally expected outcomes were for this year.

This may lead to some results being adjusted accordingly, either upwards or downwards. This is being done so that overall pass rates do not differ from previous years; remembering that we have a proportional exam grade awarding system, not one based on reaching a set standard.

Any student who is not happy with their grade(s) once issued will have the opportunity to sit the exams in the Autumn Term 2020 if they believe they would have done better in the exams. The arrangements for these exams have yet to be released by Ofqual or the exam boards. However, as with any exam appeals process, grades may go down as well as up.

With this in mind, as a school, we encourage students to ensure that notes and resources are kept safe as they may be used in the future if required.

We would also encourage students to begin some preliminary work for their chosen courses beyond Year 11, if that is indeed their chosen path.

The Government have provisionally announced that exam results will be published on 20 August 2020, but this may be subject to change.

Finally, the School is committed to celebrating your son’s time at Enfield Grammar School and there will be a celebration event to mark this occasion. More details will follow.

If there are any changes or additions to this information, I will of course communicate this with you at the earliest opportunity.

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

Yours sincerely

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