

Dear Students/Parents/Carers,

We wanted to inform you of the latest information released today about grades for GCSE/AS and A level this summer. I have kept the points brief as we expect finer details about the process to be released later today.

Early this morning, Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary announced that students will receive *grades awarded and determined by teachers* using a combination of trial exams, coursework, essays and in class tests. No algorithms will be used. Teachers will be expected to award grades based on their professional judgement, *drawing on evidence available*. It has been stated that students will only be graded on content they have already studied. There will be *optional* tasks set by exam boards for all subjects, but they will not be taken in exam conditions nor decide final grades.

It has been confirmed that plans to have students appeal to schools first, if they suspect an error in their grades, will go ahead. To try and mitigate against any errors, the quality assurance process that schools will undertake will be signed off by exam boards prior to grades being submitted. If schools submit grades that look unusual (either too high or too low against past performance), this could trigger a visit by the exam board to check the processes carried out in determining the grade.

Teachers will submit grades to exam boards by 18 June, allowing as much teaching time as possible before teachers make their assessments.

Results days have also been moved to August 10 for A-levels and August 12 for GCSEs. This is a different date than previously published, if students are not able to collect results in person, we will ensure that students can access these and enrol for Sixth Form remotely.

What will happen next at Bosworth Academy?

- We look forward to welcoming students back during the week beginning 8th March (details to follow)
- Our priority is to continue to provide excellent and engaging lessons for all students
- We will continue to assess students in the same way we always would have if a pandemic had not occurred, by assessing class work, coursework and revisiting topics where there are misconceptions.
- Plans for the March trial exams that *were* scheduled will be revised. We will keep all students and parents informed about decisions around these.

The best advice for all students remains the same; ensure attendance is great and do your best in the lessons and in your home learning. Last, but certainly not least, continue to develop all of the other great skills that have been refined over these lockdown months, such as independence, creativity and resilience.

We will ensure we keep you updated as more details are released; this may not always be on the same day as we digest and plan for the information received. If you have any concerns please do contact me via email kbaxter@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully

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