

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

We hope you had a good Easter. We fully appreciate the concern both students and parents may have about the arrangements for awarding examination results this summer and we will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible.

At the moment, there is a consultation taking place whereby schools, colleges and other stakeholders can submit their views on parts of this process. Until this consultation is completed, further changes are still likely. There have been some announcements which are summarised below:

- Teachers will be asked to make a judgement about the grade that each student was most likely to have achieved, if they had taken their exams in summer 2020. To do this, they will take into account a range of evidence
- Each department has been asked to rank each student relative to others for who they also judge would have got the same grade
- The exam boards will determine the grades students receive - this may not be same the same grade that the school has submitted
- If a student is unhappy with their awarded grade there will be an opportunity to sit an exam at a later date in the Autumn or in Summer 2021 for some subjects
- Schools are not permitted to share any of this information with students or parents, so we ask that you do not contact teachers requesting this.
- **A and AS level results will be published on 13 August and GCSE results on 20 August, as originally planned.**

In addition to this, a video has been produced to help students understand the process better. This can be found following this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXuDOrtJY1Q&feature=youtu.be>

### **Next steps for year 11**

For all year 11 students, over the following two weeks, work will be set by the Head of Year (Mrs Duncan) which will be applicable to all students as its content will be

about 'moving on' to their next stage, whether that be staying on at our Sixth Form, moving to a different college or an apprenticeship.

Miss Duncan will also be sharing a google form which all year 11 must complete so that we can tailor work specifically as a bridging project to guide them onto their next stage of learning.

### **Next steps for year 13**

For year 13, work will be set for all students to help bridge the change from Sixth Form to either university or for those moving into apprenticeships/employment.

Support will be available for those who may be considering taking an exam in the autumn or summer term. To ensure that all students practise their skills within each subject and continue to develop their knowledge, teachers will be setting a variety of revision resources so that all students can be as prepared as possible should the need arise to take an exam in a subject. We are awaiting further confirmation from The Department for Education about which subjects there will be an examination for and the dates these are likely to be.

Our further plans for supporting your child with their learning progress will be shared next week once we have looked at responses to the google form.

Kind Regards

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