

21st January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will have seen in the news, the government has cancelled GCSE and A level exams and is in the process of a consultation about how grades will be determined this year. The link to the consultation is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021>

It is looking highly likely that there will be mini assessments for students in each of their subjects; it is suggested that these should take place in May/June to allow learning to continue. At the moment we do not know what these assessments will focus on and we hope this will be made clear to schools soon. The consultation also implies that a *range of evidence* will be used by teachers in forming the student's grade. Teacher's at Bosworth Academy have been using a range of ways to assess students this year, this evidence ranges from formal trial exams to end of topic tests. For students who missed their trial exams, we hope for these to take place when students return to school, however, this is dependent on when this may be.

What this means for students is that:

- They should continue to put great effort into their remote learning to prepare them for what may be in their 'mini assessments in the summer.
- Exam boards may request evidence of students' work. This is nothing for students to worry about, they should follow teacher's guidance in lessons and complete the work set.
- Any scheduled trial exam resits will be communicated with parents and students in plenty of time for them to prepare.
- Trial exams grades will be sent out to parents next week. There will be gaps if a student is yet to sit the assessment.

Please do contact me or your Head of Year if you have any concerns or queries and we will continue to keep you updated.

Miss Baxter - Deputy Head of School

