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Dear Student, Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and are keeping safe. I just wanted to follow-up the correspondence from Friday now that we have had the opportunity to digest the information from Ofqual regarding the awarding of GCSE grades.

Year 11

If you have read the guidance, you will see that essentially we will be providing exam boards with two key pieces of information:

1. The **most likely grade** we believe students would have achieved had exams gone ahead as normal.
2. For each subject, **the rank order of students by performance**, for each grade.
Note that this is a rank order by grade, so we may have 50 students studying English that we believe would have achieved a grade 6. We will need to rank the order of these 50 students (but all would still be recommended as a grade 6).

To arrive at the grade, we will consider a range of evidence to support our judgement. Such as classwork, homework, mock exams and any non-assessed assessments/coursework. This includes practical work for subjects such as Drama, Music, PE etc.

Please be assured that maximum consideration will be given to the above in order to ensure that the grades we suggest for all our students are accurate, fair and representative of the hard work they have put in. In terms of a timeline, I will meet with all Curriculum Leaders after the Easter break and agree a consistent and standard approach in working towards achieving points 1 and 2 above. Please be aware that we would not be expected to submit any grades to the exam boards until 29 May 2020 (at the earliest).

The guidance from Ofqual is clear, we cannot share any information with parents/carers regarding the grades to be awarded or the rank order of the students. I would appreciate it if you could refrain from contacting the school to ask questions about the process – we cannot tell you anything. Other than the process will be rigorous, objective and fair. I will share any further information I can in due course. There is limited detail at present around the appeals process but we should see more clarity on this after Easter.

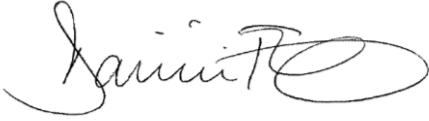
Year 10

The proposal is currently that grades will not be issued for students in Year 10 or below who were due to sit GCSE exams this year. As a school, all our current Year 10 students will sit GCSE exams next academic year as originally planned.

I hope that this provides clarity for you at a difficult time and puts minds at rest. I am sure it will generate some questions, but as I say, please allow us to manage the situation to produce accurate and fair results for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and Happy Easter!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominic Pinto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Dominic Pinto
Head of School