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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

You may have seen the recent announcements regarding examination grading. The information so far can be read in full on the Ofqual website [Ofqual - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://Ofqual-GOV.UK(www.gov.uk)) The information that was shared in January gave a strong indication of the planned approach so there are no big surprises. The guidance is also built on the response to the huge number of responses to the national consultation. Thank you to all those people who added their response to those sent by the school.

The attached Infographic from Ofqual gives a very clear summary of the approach.

[How GCSEs AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021](#)

Essentially, students will be awarded a grade by the school based on their overall performance. There will be no formal examinations and schools have discretion over the broad evidence base used to decide on this final grade. Most importantly the advice given to students, to complete work to the best of their ability and continue to act on feedback is still the route to securing the best possible grade.

Over the coming weeks we expect to see more details around processes and timelines. The only definitive dates at present are 18th June for school submission of grades to examination boards, 10th August for potential release of grades to Year 13 and 12th August for the release of grades to Year 11 students. There is no date as yet for the final date that students are expected to attend school, we would anticipate that it would be no later than Friday 18th June.

Once we have received guidance from the examination boards and had time to discuss the detail in school we will be in a position to share planned processes with students and parents. In March we will be able to pick up more detailed discussions directly with students in school. For all Year 11 students applying to the Sixth Form we will be holding individual discussions before Easter. For Year 11 and Year 13 students we will continue to share information with them as we go through the summer term.

Under the circumstances, we are confident that overall this is the best way to approach grading this summer. We expect that we will have the opportunity to award grades based on evidence and taking into account all the circumstances for that subject and the student. We look forward to welcoming students back in to school and supporting them through the coming months including the transition to the next phase of their education, training or employment.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher