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Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: Awarding grades at Key Stage 4 and 5 in the summer 2021 series**

This week, we are looking forward to welcoming back all of the students to school. Our focus is very much on the successful return to the classroom, to prepare students for home testing and to establish the new procedures and protocols around the wearing of masks whilst in the building.

We also appreciate that families and students are anxious to know how their grades will be decided this summer. General guidance was provided by the Department for Education and it is now the responsibility of schools to implement this to reflect the unique situation that each school has found itself in during the last two academic years. We are currently working hard with subject leaders and their teams of teachers to interpret the guidance issued by Ofqual last week.

Our intention is to provide clarity to you regarding **the evidence that we will use to assess the standard at which your child is performing and the support we will be offering as part of our catch-up plan.**

We would like to invite you to a virtual meeting taking place on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** between 5:00pm and 6:00pm where we will be able to share greater detail on the way forward. To access this meeting please use this link - <https://mhsch.uk/assessmentmeeting>

In the meantime, attendance in school will continue to play a crucial part in the collection of evidence for non-exam assessments, the development of portfolios in subjects such as art and for those subjects where assessments will take place between now and when students finish their courses. All of this is designed to give students the best opportunity to show us what they know at the end of their studies.

On the next page of this letter, there is also an infographic from Ofqual explaining how GCSEs, AS and A Levels will be awarded in summer 2021 which you may find useful.

Yours faithfully,

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


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# How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021



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Working out your grade	Evidence	Results and appeals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Graded by teacher judgement</li> <li> Not graded by an algorithm</li> <li> School and college assessments can continue</li> <li> You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught</li> <li> Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you</li> <li> Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence</li> <li> Non-exam assessment should continue</li> <li> Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete</li> <li> Art &amp; design grade based only on your portfolio</li> <li> Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to</li> <li> Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best</li> </ul>	<p><b>Results days</b>  AS and A level 10 August  GCSE 12 August</p> <p> If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.</p> <p><b>You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website</b></p> <p> <a href="http://www.gov.uk/ofqual">www.gov.uk/ofqual</a></p>