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Dear Year 11/Year 13 students and families,

RE: Year 11/13 – Guidance for Students and Families Related to Final Predicted Grades

Below is the latest advice we have from the Government regarding grades for this year's GCSE and A-Levels. The guidance is from Friday 20th March 2020.

The government has confirmed it will use teacher assessments to provide **calculated grades** for students this year for GCSE's and A-Levels. The aim is to provide grades to students before the **end of July**. They will be "indistinguishable from those provided in other years", and pupils will have a chance to resit an exam if they don't think the grade is fair.

The guidance states exam boards will "**ask teachers to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead**".

Teachers should consider evidence including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment.

The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) has said "**clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly this will be provided to schools and colleges**".

"**The exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in**".

Ofqual has also said it will "**aim to ensure that the distribution of grades follows a similar pattern to that in other years, so that this year's students do not face a systematic disadvantage as a consequence of these extraordinary circumstances**".

If students "**do not believe the correct process has been followed**" then they can appeal. If students don't feel their calculated grade reflects their performance students can also resit an exam "**at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again**". Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021."

What does this mean for you?

We are committed to ensuring that you receive the very best outcomes, but we need your help. We are encouraging students in Year 11/13 to work outside of school as we need as much evidence as possible to support our teacher's judgements.

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Just as importantly, continuing to study will ensure that you are 'next stage ready' (ready for 6th form/college, university or employment).

To this end, any students who have indicated that they wish to study A-levels will also be set work that will support you as you head into Year 12.

You may still have outstanding pieces of coursework that have yet to be handed in/completed. This could be written work to be added to a portfolio of evidence, design ideas, write-ups of work that took place in a lesson or a piece of art/textiles/photography work. Continuing to work on these independently at home and then enabling them to be assessed will give us the verification we need for our teacher assessment grades.

Your teachers will be in contact via ClassCharts to advise you on completing appropriate tasks.

Please contact the school using the email addresses provided for each subject if you need support with any of your work.

If you or your parents/carers have any questions, please contact us.

Kind Regards,

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