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Year 11 Exams Update

As you will all know, the GCSE examinations have been cancelled for this summer 2020. This does not mean that students will not be getting the GCSE grades they deserve this summer.

This is an unprecedented situation, and as such is a dynamic picture and we aim to keep you as up to date as is possible. We are expecting further updates from the Department of Education (DFE), towards the end of next week, we will update our information to you when that happens.

Schools have been advised that grades will be issued on a range of evidence including teacher assessments, mock exams and our knowledge of our students. The process will provide a calculated grade for each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible, and systems will be put in place to ensure this is consistent for all schools and all pupils.

Exam boards will be asking teachers, who know your children well, to submit a judgement about the grade that we believe your child would have received if exams had gone ahead.

This will then be combined with other relevant data, including prior attainment by the examination boards, to produce a calculated grade for each student.

Students will be able to appeal their grades if they don't believe the right process has been followed.

The government have issued some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that may answer many of the questions that you will have:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

All exam boards, the Joint Centre for Qualifications (JCQ) and the Office of Qualifications (Ofqual) have released their statements. Links to these are below.

Ofqual Link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/update-following-announcement-on-exams-and-grades>

JCQ link

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/media-centre/news-releases>

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Exam boards latest exam news

NCFE

<https://www.ncfe.org.uk/coronavirus-information-and-advice-for-customers-and-learners>

AQA

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/coronavirus-updates>

Edexcel

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/united-kingdom-covid-19-coronavirus-update.html>

OCR

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/news/coronavirus-advice/>

WJEC

<https://www.wjec.co.uk/about-us/latest-news/issuing-grades-for-qualifications-summer-2020>

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