

## Exams Update:

It remains that the Government has decided that there will be no Summer Term public examinations. We have been told by the Prime Minister that all Year 11 students will be given their GCSE grades by the end of July 2020.

The calculated grade will take into account teachers' assessment of the likely grade as well as other factors such as prior attainment, so students' final grades will not necessarily reflect their predicted grades. Mock exam results will be one of the pieces of evidence that will be taken into account in this process, which our Year 11 have recently sat and these have been marked and collated by our teachers. Students who have any original copies of their mock papers should keep these as they may be required as evidence.

If they do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance, they will have the opportunity to sit an exam, as soon as is reasonably possible after schools and colleges open again. Students will also have the option to sit their exams in Summer 2021.

In light of the most recent announcements, we have now advised the staff to continue to set online work for Year 11 students so they are prepared to take the exams when schools reopen again if they are unhappy with their calculated grade. We expect all Year 11 students to complete the work that their teachers are setting online.

We ask that all Year 11 students check on the school website for updates from the Department for Education. When we become aware of guidance in relation to specific courses and qualifications, we will share this with you via our website.

Finally, students will receive an email from their tutor so please can you ask them to respond.

Link to Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2020 Guidance:

<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>