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Dear Students and Parents,

## GCSE and A Levels Summer 2020

You will know that this summer's A-levels and GCSEs have been cancelled. This morning the Government (through Ofqual, the exams regulator) announced its plans for assessing students in the absence of these examinations. They confirmed arrangements and key dates for GCSE and A-level only, vocational subjects are most likely to follow the same pattern.

Here are some of the key points:

- Centres will submit predicted grades next term.
- Centres will also submit a rank order for each subject for the cohort.
- Details of how the exam boards will standardise these grades are to be confirmed.
- The current dates for the publication of grades still apply, but it's hoped that grades will be available a little earlier in August.
- An appeals process is yet to be finalised, along with opportunities for additional examinations early in the academic year.
- Predicted grades should not be shared with candidates or families under any circumstances.

**I must insist that you do not contact or email teachers about grades or ranking**, in any case, schools have been instructed that they must not, under any circumstances, inform students about the grades that are to be entered.

Now we have more detail about the way examinations are going to be assessed we will be able to provide further detail about transition arrangements to sixth form and universities. This will be issued after the Easter break.

Here is a link to the guidance: [guidance for teachers, students and parents](#)

There is also a letter for students: [here](#)

Stay safe and please adhere to the guidance on social distancing and handwashing.

Yours sincerely,

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