

2nd March 2021

Dear Parents and students of Year 11, 12 and 13,

I understand that many of you will feel anxious about this summer's exam grading but I hope that this letter provides you with a bit more certainty and some reassurance. Ofqual have announced that they are currently working with exam boards to determine how students will be assessed this summer. I have been delaying sending this letter as I was hoping that we would have more specific information around this but sadly at the moment we do not. The latest information is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/exams-and-assessments-in-2021>

However from a student's point of view we know the following:

- There will be no externally set GCSE or A Level exams this summer (except AAT Accounting as this is a professional qualification)
- The grades will be based on teacher assessments of the standards that students are working at.
- You can be assured, as we have said previously, that we will be using a wide range of evidence to inform the assessments, so grades will never be based on a single result in a mock/ppe for example.
- We are currently working with the Trust and leaders to determine what assessments will be used and this will be shared with staff and students over the coming weeks.
- Students will not be unduly penalised for one poor or missed assessment throughout the course
- Grades will represent their **best** possible performance, based on continuous assessment, mock exams, homework, coursework and performance in lessons.

We do not yet know the leaving dates for students in the summer term and we will confirm this in due course.

The academy will run an internal moderation/standardisation process to ensure that the submitted grades are fair and these must be with the relevant exam boards before June 18th.

Exam results will be published on Tuesday 10th August 2021 for A Level students and Thursday 12th August for GCSE students. There will be an appeals system for any student that feels their grade has not been fairly awarded. The earlier exam result dates provide time for Year 13 students to have any appeals dealt with before university places are finalised.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs E. Baker
Principal