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RE: Teacher Assessed Grades 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Expanding on my letter in March, explaining the process for determining grades I wanted to update you on this process. As you are hopefully aware:

- Exams are cancelled this summer for GCSEs, AS-levels and A-levels, as well as some VTQs.
- Instead of exams, pupils will receive grades based on assessments by their teachers.
- Teacher-assessed grades will be sent to the exam board to be processed.

Teachers will make these judgements:

- By using a range of evidence of pupils' work, like coursework, practice papers and classwork, to inform their decisions.
- By only assessing pupils based on what they have been taught.
- Fairly by following our internal quality assurance process. Taking into consideration our results in previous years (This is to make sure teachers' judgements aren't too harsh or lenient.)

Exam boards will also have their own quality assurance process. They'll check that our internal procedure is fair before they process any grades, and they might also virtually visit our school to review evidence from some subjects. We'll submit a declaration to the exam board confirming that we've followed the requirements for our internal quality assurance process. Teachers will also be letting pupils know what evidence they will use before submitting grades to the exam board. This is so pupils can:

- Confirm it's their own work.
- Let teachers know of any mitigating circumstances that might have affected it.

Results Day: Thursday 12th August 2021

Appeals

All pupils will have the right to appeal their grade. If you wish to appeal a grade on results day, please talk to your Centre Leader or the Exams Officer for details how. If you appeal, we will carry out a review to make sure we've followed all processes correctly and that we haven't made an error in your grade.

If we do find an error, we will submit your revised grade to the exam board. If the board is satisfied, it will issue a revised grade. If we do not believe an error has been made, you can ask us to appeal to the board on your behalf. We will share the evidence your teacher used to set your grade, and the board will review it to see if we made the right judgement.

If they find the grade we set isn't reasonable, they'll provide an alternative grade. If you disagree with the school's or the exam board's decision, you can refer the issue to Ofqual's Exam Procedures Review Service (EPRS). The exam board will have the final say unless the EPRS finds that it has made an error.

Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)

If you're taking VTQs to progress to further or higher education, you won't have exams. Your grades will also be awarded based on teachers' judgements. If you are taking VTQs to go directly into employment, your exams will go ahead if they:

Are needed to show occupational and professional competence.

Can be carried out in line with public health measures (if they cannot take place safely, they'll be delayed).

If you would like additional information please see below:

- [Awarding qualifications in summer 2021](#), GOV.UK – DfE
- [Decisions on how GCSE, AS and A level grades will be determined in summer 2021](#), GOV.UK – Ofqual and DfE
- [Decisions on alternative arrangements for the award of VTQs and other general qualifications in 2021](#), GOV.UK – Ofqual and DfE
- [Guidance on the determination of grades for A/AS Levels and GCSEs for summer 2021](#), jcq.org.uk– JCQ
- [Exam centre responsibility for students retaking qualifications from summer 2020](#), GOV.UK – DfE

We will be sharing details about Results Day shortly. Should you have any further information please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

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