

Parents and students of Year 11 and 13

On Friday, as many of you are aware, a few more details about how your examinations will be awarded were released by the Department for Education.

The key points so far that you need to be aware of are :

- Exam boards will aim to give students calculated grades by the end of July.
- The grades will be indistinguishable from those given in other years.
- Teachers are being asked to submit a judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead. This will be based on a range of evidence and data including performance in mock exams and non-exam assessments. Schools are awaiting clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly.
- We are unable to offer you further opportunities to sit papers or other assessments at home or in school for consideration in this process.
- Exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in.
- Exam boards will also aim to ensure that the distribution of grades follows a similar pattern to that in previous years, so that this year's students aren't disadvantaged.
- Students will be able to appeal their grades if they don't believe the right process has been followed.
- There will also be an option to sit exams early in the next academic year for any students who wish to – and students can also choose to sit exams next summer.

We will contact you as and when we receive more information – for now please continue following the governments guidelines for social distancing and keep yourselves safe and well.

Those of you who have been asked to complete coursework for some subjects please make sure you meet these deadlines and contact your class teachers if you need support with this via school email.

More information is available online at on the Ofqual page of Gov.uk

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