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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: GCSE & A Level Grades

No doubt you'll be aware of the announcement this morning regarding the plans for the awarding of GCSE and A Level grades during summer 2021. We wanted to share with you our initial thoughts and outline the process we will be following to best prepare for the awarding of examination grades.

As you can imagine, there is a lot of information we still require as a school, and Gavin Williamson has indicated that this will be provided by Ofqual and the awarding organisations in the coming weeks. We hope to have this information on all arrangements prior to the Easter break. Our central concern at present is to make you all aware of our intention to ensure that all students are treated fairly and can be confident in both the processes we will follow and the validity of the results. We are now working on the assumption that A Level results will be available from the 10<sup>th</sup> August, and that GCSE results and Sixth Form sign up will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> August. We await confirmation from UCAS about how this impacts university admission procedures.

Within school, we intend to ensure that we generate grades based on fair and accurate assessments of our students' potential and capacity across the full breadth of their study, and that grades won't be drawn from any one set of examinations or results. We are pleased that we are able, as teachers, to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of students. We have a firm belief in the enormous capacity of our students to make progress, and we want to ensure that this progress, both now and in the coming weeks, is acknowledged in final awarding.

We will now await further detailed information from awarding organisations and from Ofqual and will be in contact with a detailed plan of our arrangements in due course. If you do feel concern or your son/daughter is worried by the process, please make sure that they speak with their tutor, who will be able to provide support and guidance as needed.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Pike and Mat Payne  
**Head of Sixth Form and Learning Lead for Year 11**

