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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, last month the government announced that the summer 2020 GCSE, AS and A level exam series would be cancelled in order to help fight the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and that students due to sit the exams would be awarded a grade based on an assessment of the grade they would have been most likely to achieve had exams gone ahead.

Today information has been released by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual), which regulates qualifications, examinations and assessments in England, on how that process will be managed. The full document can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

Additionally, the link below contains an open letter from Ofqual for students explaining how the process will work.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

We fully appreciate how unsettling this is for you as students have been working hard towards the goal of sitting the exams and moving on to the next stage of their lives. This new information will hopefully make you feel that your hard work is being rewarded as you will achieve a grade, albeit not in quite the same way you had anticipated and planned for.

At this stage please could I ask that you do not contact your class teachers as we are not permitted to pass on any further information regarding the grades assigned.

In the meantime, I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely