

24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent,

**Re: Year 11 Update**

Following the Government's announcement on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March regarding the process for calculating Year 11 pupils' grades, I can provide you with some further ('working') information.

Step 1 - The awarding bodies will be asking schools to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the pupil would have received if exams had gone ahead.

Step 2 - To produce the above, schools will take into account a range of evidence and data including performance in mock examinations and non-exam assessment.

Step 3 - The examination boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment (Key Stage 2), and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each pupil, which will be a 'best assessment' of the work they have put in.

Step 4 - Calculated grades will aim to be provided to pupils before the end of July.

Step 5 - If pupils do not believe the correct process has been followed in their case, they will be able to appeal on that basis.

Step 6 - If pupils do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance, they will have the opportunity to sit an examination at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again. Pupils will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021.

I must stress that the above has not been officially confirmed by the DfE and I await further information before confirming substantive arrangements.

Understandably, some parents have asked what their children should be doing during this difficult period. Although I understand that pupils will feel a range of emotions, I would urge that they continue with their studies, (in some capacity) to maintain continuity in learning and in the event of step 6.

I will, of course, update you when I receive further information.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal