

2nd February 2021

Re: Formal Consultation on the Award of GCSE Grades

Dear Parent,

The joint consultation between Ofqual and the DfE closed on Friday 29th January.

My understanding is that the outcome of this consultation will not be published until **Monday 22nd February**.

The [Ofqual Blog](#) appears to indicate that pupils will be expected to sit some form of 'externally- set paper' which will be used with other sources of evidence to determine their GCSE grades.

In light of the above, I strongly encourage Year 11 pupils to continue, via MS Teams, attending live lessons, engaging, participating and submitting work and assignments. On this particular point, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their maturity, work ethic and commitment over the last few weeks.

As and when I receive further information on the outcome of the consultation, I will, of course, update you accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen
Principal