



Update on GCSE exams and grades

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

We are writing to inform you that Ofqual have made an announcement regarding GCSE examination in 2020. They have released an initial statement which outlines plans to award grades to current Year 11 students. This detail is very vague at this stage but it appears will involve working with teachers to provide grades for students whose exams have been cancelled this summer, following the action to slow the spread of coronavirus.

The announcement can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced?utm_source=96f31727-1fb9-408b-a7fa-d91d4ceaeb6b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

There will be further guidance over the next few weeks about the process that will be used to calculate grades for each student which hopefully reflects their performance as fairly as possible, and we will work with the exam boards to ensure this is consistently applied for all our students.

The Government's priority is to ensure affected students can move on as planned to the next stage of their lives, including going into employment, starting university, college or sixth form courses, or an apprenticeship in the Autumn.

We recognise that many will be frustrated with the lack of clarity in today's government announcement but we are expecting all GCSE results to be released by the end of July.

On account of the fact that we do not yet know the evidence base needed for grade allocation, it is therefore crucial that Year 11's must continue with their studies and the work which is provided by their teachers over the coming weeks.

As soon as there is further substantive information we will share this with you. We therefore expect all students to be logging in to their googleclassrooms to continue their studies.

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