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Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

### **Assessment for GCSEs and A Levels**

In an effort to keep you up to date with the latest government directives and information concerning the assessment of GCSE and A Levels this summer, we have summarised the press release from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March below. You will also find the link to the full article at the end of this email.

#### **Assessment of Students' Work**

Teachers will be submitting a grade that reflects what the student would have achieved, had they sat the exams this summer – *this will not necessarily be the grade the student receives from the exam board (see below).*

Teacher predictions will include PPE data, coursework and completed exam and coursework modules for vocational qualifications (BTEC/Cam Tech).

More information will be provided to schools on how exactly these will be calculated. Exam boards will combine this teacher prediction with other factors to reach a final grade. These factors will include prior attainment (e.g. KS2 SATS) and grade distribution from previous years (*i.e. they would want to award similar numbers of grade 9s, grade 8s, grade 7s, etc. as previous years*).

#### **What and when?**

These grades will be given to students before the end of July – **we do not have specific information yet.**

The certificates you receive will be no different from any other year (i.e. future employers will not know you did not sit exams).

Students will have the opportunity to sit exams if they are not happy with their results either when schools reopen or in the summer of 2021.

**If your child has unfinished coursework they will be contacted by their teacher.**

**Students - you will need to keep on revisiting your work in case you are not happy with the results that the exam board give you.**

Yours sincerely,  
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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>