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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the government's announcement cancelling the Summer 2021 examinations, guidance has been released by Ofqual explaining the process by which students will be awarded their grades. The guidance can be found at the link below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/964597/6747-1_decisions_-_GQ_consultation_on_awarding_grades_in_2021.pdf

How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021



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Working out your grade	Evidence	Results and appeals
Graded by teacher judgement Not graded by an algorithm School and college assessments can continue You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded	Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence Non-exam assessment should continue Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete Art & design grade based only on your portfolio Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best	Results days AS and A level 10 August GCSE 12 August If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college. <p>You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website</p> www.gov.uk/ofqual

Please be patient with us whilst we finalise arrangements. We appreciate that students and their parents will have numerous questions and queries about how grades will be awarded this year. By way of reassurance, we are currently working in consultation with other North Dorset schools to define a shared rationale for assessment. Our departments are collating comprehensive information about the assessment, moderation and quality assurance for every qualification. This information will be published to students and parents prior to the end of term, so that the process is as clear and transparent as possible.

We understand that this is an unsettling time for some students but we want to reassure them that, under these arrangements, they have many more opportunities to demonstrate their abilities and progress within a subject. Assessment will be based on their progress across the full two years of their course, and not just work produced after 8th March. As a school, we will ensure they have ample opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and competencies prior to submitting their final Centre Assessed Grades on the 18th June.

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It is really important that all students continue to work hard throughout their remaining time at school. Not only will this ensure the best possible outcomes but it will also help students to prepare for their next steps.

The results days will be earlier this year with A-Level results day on Tuesday 10th August and GCSE results day on Thursday 12th August. Further information will be sent nearer the time regarding these days and the appeals process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Nicholson', with a small dot at the end.

Paul Nicholson
Headteacher