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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Re: Year 11 and Year 13 update on GCSE/GCE qualifications

As you may be aware, the government has announced earlier today further details about the plans to award GCSE/GCE qualifications this academic year. These updates can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

Within these updates, there is a very useful letter to students, which gives a clear overview of the plans. This letter can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

In summary, the letter tells students the following:

- That the school will be asked to send the exam board two pieces of information for each subject, based on what we know about the student's work and achievements. These two pieces of information are firstly **the grade we believe you were most likely to get 'if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned'** and secondly within each subject, **the order of students at our school, 'by performance, for each grade.'**
- That the school is not required to ask students to complete any new work to inform this process
- That parents, carers and students will not be able to see the grades that the school submits for them, until results are issued by the exam boards later in the summer. **The school is not allowed to share this information**
- That students will be offered the opportunity to take exams at another time, should they wish to do so

With this in mind, we will be reviewing the work set for our Year 11 and 13 students when we return to work after the Easter break.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable break.

Kind regards

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