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Dear Parents/Carers

Teacher assessed grades for students

The Government announced yesterday that students will receive grades awarded and determined by their teachers. Teachers will be able to draw on a range of evidence when determining grades, including the use of questions provided by exam boards, mock exams, key assessed tasks, coursework, or other work completed as part of a student's course, such as essays or in-class tests. No algorithm will be used. Schools will conduct multiple checks e.g. checking consistency of judgements across teachers and that the correct processes have been followed to ensure as much fairness as possible. The aim is to make it no harder overall for this year's students to receive a particular grade than students in other years.

Teachers will submit grades to exam boards by 18 June, allowing as much teaching time as possible before teachers make their assessments. Therefore Year 11 students will be expected to attend school until the 18 June. It will be essential that students approach all their lessons with a determination to do their very best.

Exam boards will conduct their own checks, through a combination of random sampling and more targeted scrutiny where they identify cause for concern.

Results day for GCSE and some vocational qualifications will take place in the week of 9 August which has moved forward from the week of the 23 August.

I know how difficult this past year has been for students and parents and there has been a great deal of uncertainty. However, I am confident that these arrangements will make sure students' grades reflect what they have achieved and provide a sound basis to enable them to make good decisions about their future.

If we continue to work together your child will achieve the grades they deserve in their GCSEs.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes and take care.

Yours faithfully

Miss Grimes
Deputy Headteacher

