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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

RE: Awarding of Exam Results

As you will no doubt be aware, the government has opened a consultation about how GCSE and A-Level grades may be awarded this year.

Some of the main points of the consultation are summarised below:

- A student's grade in each subject will be based on their teachers' assessment of the standard at which the student is performing, using a combination of evidence that might include:
 - results from papers provided by exam boards, but set by teachers to take account of differential learning. This will be supported by mark schemes, exemplar papers, other guidance on standardisation, and training from exam boards
 - non-exam assessment (NEA) in subjects where it applies
 - other performance evidence such as formal tests, mock exam results and any substantial work completed by students.
- External quality assurance will be carried out by exam boards

The full document is available at this [link](#).

As outlined in the government consultation, it seems likely that Year 11 and Year 13 will undertake some sort of exam board assessment during this year to assist with the awarding of grades. It is therefore vital that you continue to engage with your remote learning over the coming weeks so you are well placed - whatever the final outcome of the consultation bring – to give the best account of yourself. We do appreciate that remote learning is really difficult and want to support students as much as possible with this; if you have any issues or need any support with remote learning, please contact the school so that we can help.

We're really looking forward to welcoming you back into school as soon as we can and, in the meantime, continue to do your best from home and keep safe.

Yours faithfully



John Loftus
Vice Principal