



26th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that in these challenging times your families are all keeping safe. We wanted to write to update you on the information we have so far regarding learners who were due to complete their studies in the summer of 2020 including your son / daughter.

I hope you will understand this is an ever-changing picture and we are receiving new information on a daily basis. Therefore, we will update you when we have a significant amount of information to share.

Outlined below, is the information we have at present from every exam board, including JCQ, the exams regulator.

- Regulators will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible and will work with us and the other exam boards to ensure this is consistently applied for all students.
- Exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.
- To produce this, teachers will be asked to take into account a range of evidence.
- Exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in.
- These grades will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years.
- There will also possibly be an option to sit exams early in the next academic year for any students who wish to.

One piece of evidence which staff will be asked to take into account for the calculation of these grades is the learners' coursework marks. Therefore, it is imperative that all students with outstanding coursework in year 11 and 13 continue to work towards the completion of their coursework to the best of their ability.

We are in the process of setting up an online communication platform for staff and students to communicate with reference to coursework and other work.

Staff from non-coursework subjects will also be providing online work for learners to complete in helping them to prepare for sixth form or further levels of study.

If you have any further subject specific queries or questions, please contact your classroom teachers directly, as they are available on e-mail throughout the school week.

Once again thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

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