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Dear parents/carers,

Exams Update

You will have seen in the news today that the consultation over how GCSE grades will be awarded this Summer has now closed. The full results of this can be viewed at, if you would like to read the full detail.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021?_cldee=bGNsYXJrZUBiaGJzLmhlcmVmb3JkLnNjaC51aw%3d%3d&recipientid=account-a6c8ac091309e3118b6278e3b519b0a5-3c251caf6fee4deb9933fcc36f0ce593&esid=7cb4dd4e-d175-eb11-a812-000d3a4c1535

This information has only come to us in school today and we are currently working with subject teachers around how our assessments will be conducted in school. We are likely to include a further period of internal assessments or possibly some examinations later in the year. This is still being discussed in school.

This is what we know at the moment:

- Teachers will assess students' performance only on what content has been taught to them.
- Teachers can use evidence of a student's performance from throughout the course to determine the judgement.
- Teachers will be determining this grade as late in the academic year as possible to enable teaching to continue for as long as possible.

We will confirm these dates when we know further detail from the exam boards about submission deadlines.

A broad range of evidence will be used to determine the grades including working on any NEA assessments. In Art, the grade will be on the portfolio only.

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There is a change to the results date for next Summer – this is now August the 12th.

Students continued engagement with learning will make a difference to the results that they achieve, so working hard in their online lessons and a focussed approach to the start of school on the 8th March will be crucial.

Kind regards,



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Deputy Headteacher