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Dear Parents/Carers,

Students have worked really hard on the assessments that continue to be completed. As you know, grades this Summer will be based on a process involving teacher assessment against national standards, internal quality assurance, and external quality assurance by the examination boards.

As a follow up to my letters to you on March 10th and April 1st (which can be found on our school website at <https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Exam+Information&pid=58>) I wanted to write to you with detail of the examination policies and ask for students to sign the attached candidate confirmation sheet to confirm that they understand the process.

The national process defined by the Department for Education and the exams' regulator, Ofqual is as follows:

1. Teachers will assess students against a national standard defined by the exam boards
2. Subject departments will submit grades which will be quality assured by the school. This internal quality assurance process will have to be signed off by the examination board to ensure it is rigorous and in line with national standards.
3. Our school results will be quality assured externally by the examination boards, which may include random sampling of our school's evidence.
4. If the examination boards are confident in our submitted results, then the exam boards will award students their final grades.
5. If students do not think their results are accurate, they will have the right to an appeal. The detail for this will be shared with you nearer to the results day.

Our centre policy which determines the process for all our arrangements is now available for you to view on our website. This also sits alongside the JCQ guidance which we must follow as a school. Also detailed here are other policies which we will follow such as that used in the event of malpractice. They can all be found at <https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Exam+Policies+2021&pid=140>

Results Day this year is on 12th August. We will advise nearer to the time the procedure for this. It is likely that results will be issued by e mail to students on this day. We will be doing all we can to support students with our careers advisor who will be available for students during this week and Mrs Clarke, our examinations officer and I will be available for any queries.

Please ensure your child completes the attached document and returns this to Mrs Clarke to confirm that they understand how their grades will be awarded.

Always Faithful with Christ

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ellie Bunston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Ellie Bunston
Deputy Headteacher