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COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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## **Letter following Ofqual Grading Announcement for A-Level Examinations.**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Today I have sent out information to Year 13 students following the Government's announcement on the awarding of grades for A-Level subjects.

I reproduce this here in case you haven't seen it.

I have attached the letter to students that has been written by Sally Collier, the Chief Regulator at Ofqual and below I address what I expect to be common questions.

- The guidance applies to all AS and A-Levels, including the EPQ.
- We have been asked to provide a centre assessment grade for every student, alongside a rank order of students within each grade. This will be completed in accordance with instructions from the exam boards.
- **We cannot, under any circumstances, discuss grading or ranking of students with students, parents or carers.**
- Any work newly set on Teams and completed since the school closure date of the 20<sup>th</sup> March will not be used to inform grades. Please see points below about any NEA which you have been completing for a long time.
- Any non-exam assessment will of course be helpful in determining grades. Please ensure that anything you have done in terms of coursework has been handed in to teachers. **NB:- This work does not have to be complete.**
- Once the academy has provided data to the exam boards this will then be put through a rigorous standardization process that is currently being developed by Ofqual.

- Results will be released as soon as possible. They have said that results won't be delayed after the dates they would normally be expected in August but are no longer saying that it will be before the end of July.
- If students choose to appeal their grades and sit exams in the Autumn series (full details of what this will look like are still to be announced) or in Summer 2021 then both grades awarded will stand.

Further details are available on the gov.uk website here, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020> but if there is anything that you don't feel I have answered, or isn't clear then please get in touch with me.

I am personally confident that this process will be administered by Ofqual and the awarding bodies in a fair and transparent way and we remain committed to support our students through this time. Please encourage your child to maintain a dialogue with myself if they have any concerns or questions about this process.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Tom Bennison  
Head of Sixth Form