



14 April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure that you will be aware that Ofqual (the organisation in charge of GCSEs and national exams) have now released some guidance around how GCSE and vocational qualification grades will be decided on for this summer series.

The official guidance for parents is available via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>. Please read this carefully as it outlines all of the information available at this point. Please note that it prevents the academy from sharing the data it will submit to exam boards with any students or parents. This is because they will use this information provided by schools in conjunction with other national statistics to come to a final grade. Therefore, the grade the academy submits may not be the final grade awarded to your child.

So what does this mean for your child now? Firstly, as an academy we will continue to set meaningful work for your child to complete. This will help to keep them mentally stimulated and ready for the next stage of their academic lives as post-16 courses build on the knowledge and skills that students have acquired through their GCSE and/or vocational studies. Continuing to complete work is also important should your child wish to appeal their grade or resit any of their GCSE exams in the autumn.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charlie Johnson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Charlie Johnson
Principal