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Dear parent/carer,

OFQUAL have today announced further information about the process of awarding examination grades for GCSE and GCE exams this summer. The document in full can be found here

[Link to OFQUAL documents](#)

Please note that this does not as yet address learners on technical (Cambridge Technical and City and Guilds) courses.

In summary, all schools will be required to provide two sets of information to the examination boards:

1. The grade the college feels that the learner was most likely to achieve, assuming all teaching, learning, intervention and examination had happened as planned. Yr 13 learners should be aware that this may not ultimately be the same as the data provided for UCAS predictions.
2. Each subject will then have to rank all students with the same grade, this will allow the examination boards to make judgements with regard to the standardisation of the grades.

A more detailed document can be found here:

[OFQUAL Letter to Students.](#)

Schools have been asked to use a range of evidence to determine these grades, however you should be aware that this will reflect only work that was completed before the college closed.

The expectation is that the grades for this year will be broadly in line with the grades for the college in previous years. This will mean that typically many learners will be delighted with their results, although some may feel that the grade does not accurately reflect their work. If this is the case there will be opportunity to both appeal the decision and potentially resit the exam in the autumn exam season. Further details regarding this will follow in due course.

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