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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Exams update - How qualifications will be awarded in 2021

Yesterday there was an announcement by the DfE and Ofqual on the way in which GCSE, A level and Vocational grades will be awarded this summer. The main points can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/how-qualifications-will-be-awarded-in-2021>

Key points:

- Teachers will assess the standard at which students are performing based only on what they have been taught.
- There will be externally developed 'assessment materials' which schools will use to help provide the evidence for grades.
- It is therefore important that students keep engaged in their learning and study as long as possible so that the hard work can be considered in the grade. It will stand you in good stead for the next stage of your life.
- All grades and assessment material has to be marked, moderated and submitted by the 18th June and results will be released on 10th August for A levels and 12th August for GCSEs, a fortnight earlier than usual.

There is a lot more information from the exam boards to be provided in the coming weeks and we will keep you posted with information.

We will be writing to you early next week with more information about the return to school.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Hyman
Headteacher