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Dear Parent/Carer

Alternative arrangements for the awarding of Qualifications

As you will be aware information has been coming thick and fast today and we have tried to update you when we have had sight of any detail behind the government's plans. We recognise that one of the issues that will make a significant number of our school community anxious are the plans for GCSE and Post-16 results. We realise that today will feel an unusual and uncertain time for many of your children; this isn't the joyful ending to full time education that we all wished it could have been for our young people. We have been very proud to see how resilient our students are and how they have conducted themselves over the last few days.

The Government has now released their plans for GCSE and A-Level grades. We have only just received this information and much of what is contained within refers to further, more detailed information that we have not yet had sight of. In brief terms this appears to be that Teachers will submit grades which will be checked by Ofqual and the exam boards using mock exams, internal assessment data and prior attainment information. If students or parents are unhappy with the grade allocated then there will be an appeal process that can be undertaken and then a further resit opportunity in the Autumn term for those who still feel their allocated grade is not reflective of their potential. The full details of this can be found [here](#)

As there has been with each announcement, there is much to unpick in this statement and we will need to see the detailed guidance to understand how these grades should be allocated. In the meantime, please do not contact any teachers directly about individual grades as they will not be in a position to respond. Once we have more detail we will contact you again centrally to explain what will happen next.

Staff have worked tirelessly this week and are still working hard to be ready to open on Monday in support of our most vulnerable students and the children of key workers. I would be very grateful if you could offer us all some space and time before contacting us about any particular circumstances that you would like us to respond to in the light of this announcement. We will be back on it next week, but this weekend we all need to rest.

As we've said to students: we're not going away, we're just having change our focus from Monday to supporting our communities and keeping everyone safe for a time and will continue to be in touch with you, from Monday onwards.

Yours faithfully

Richard Spencer
Principal