

Dear Parents

We understand that this is a worrying time around the grades that will be awarded for the courses your child has undertaken for the last 2 years. This is what we currently know, however, this could be subject to change at any point:

- Teachers will be asked for a judgement about the grade that they believe each student would have received if exams had gone ahead.
- Exam boards will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible.
- Teachers will be asked to take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on PPEs and non-exam assessments.
- Exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in.
- The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July.
- In terms of a permanent record, the grades will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years.
- Students will be able to appeal their grades if they don't believe the right process has been followed.
- There will also be an option to sit exams as soon as is reasonably possible after schools open again for any students who wish to.
- Exam boards are not awarding students their predicted grades. Exam boards will develop a fair and robust process that takes into account a broad range of evidence.
- Exam boards will provide advice on coursework that has been started but not finished to schools as soon as possible. Therefore, students should complete all coursework.
- Universities UK has assured us that the majority of universities will show the utmost flexibility to ensure that students who take the exam option are able to begin their course with a delayed start time.

What you should do:

- Encourage your child to complete all coursework to the best of their ability so the non-exam assessment sent to the exam boards reflects their ability to meet the deadlines set by staff and exam boards
- In case they may need to sit the exams when schools reopen because they are disappointed with the grade awarded, you should:
 - Encourage students to continue to complete work set by their teachers to complete the course
 - Encourage students to continue to revise for their exams
