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Dear Parents/Carers

We wanted to update you on the latest information we have received about students in Year 11 and Year 13 who should have been taking examinations this summer.

The Government has announced that the grades of students whose exams were cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic will be based on coursework, mock exams and other evidence from students' A-level and GCSE work. A process will be put in place in conjunction with the exam regulator Ofqual to ensure that students' "hard work and dedication is rewarded and fairly recognised". It is expected that students will receive their grades at the end of July. An appeal process will also be in place for those who are unhappy with their grades, enabling them to sit the exam "at the earliest reasonable opportunity".

The Department for Education said: "In terms of a permanent record, the grades will be indistinguishable from those in other years". Education Secretary Gavin Williamson has said: "My priority now is to ensure no young person faces a barrier when it comes to moving onto the next stage of their lives - whether that's further or higher education, an apprenticeship or a job". The Department for Education announced it will work with teachers, exam boards and the exam regulator Ofqual to provide universities with "the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead".

We are told that further details will be shared with schools shortly and as soon as we have further information we will share it with you.

Yours sincerely

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