



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. Thank you so much for your patience in relation to information regarding your child's GCSE examination results. This has been a challenging time for everyone and I would once again like to congratulate Year 11 for their exceptional conduct in the last few days of school.

The Secretary of State for Education announced that the 2020 exam series in England have been cancelled to help fight the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Ofqual have worked to develop a process which fairly recognises students' work and makes sure they get their grades in time to progress. Today they have set out [details about how GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded this summer](#) and published further [guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers](#). In addition Ofqual have published a [letter to students](#) explaining how students' results will be awarded.

I would like to draw your attention to the following statement that summarises how schools will submit examination grades to the exam board. Students will receive

'the grade they would be most likely to have achieved if they had sat their exams and completed any non-exam assessment. Judgements should balance different sources of evidence such as:

- *classwork*
- *bookwork*
- *any participation in performances in subjects such as music, drama or PE*
- *any non-exam assessment – whether or not complete*
- *the results of any assignments or mock exams*

previous examination results – for example, for any re-sitting students or those with relevant AS qualifications'.

Ofqual intend to award results to Year 11 at some point in August, if not before.

Please read the information carefully. It is important to note that grades will not be the responsibility of just your child's subject teacher. Heads of Departments and the Senior Leadership Team will also have an integral role in moderating and awarding the grades. With this in mind, can we ask that pupils do not contact their subject teachers to request information about their grades. We will not be able to give any information before the actual results are released by the exam boards.

I understand that you and your child may have found navigating the new normal challenging, we are still very much here to support you through this process.

For further queries moving forward, please contact the following key members of staff:

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Yours sincerely,

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