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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to keep you informed of the plan moving forward for this summer's exams. You will be aware that they have been cancelled.

Firstly, I wanted to say how proud I am of our year 11 students. They have been brilliant role models for our other students and I genuinely couldn't have wished for a better cohort for my first as headteacher.

The information below is very new and may change; however I feel it is important to keep you informed.

- Regulators will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible.
- Exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.
- To produce this, teachers will be asked to take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment. Clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly will be provided to schools and colleges soon.
- 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.
- Regulators and exam boards will be discussing with teachers' representatives before finalising the approach, to ensure that it's as fair as possible.
- The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July.
- These grades will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years.



- We'll also aim to ensure that the distribution of grades follows a similar pattern to that in other years, so that this year's students aren't disadvantaged.
- 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 early in the next academic year for any students who wish to – and students can also choose to sit exams next summer.

I hope this new information will answer some of your questions – but I appreciate that you may still have some.

We're here to support you through these extraordinary times, and we'll share new details as soon as we get them.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours faithfully

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