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Dear Parents, Carers and Year 11 Students,

I am writing to you regarding GCSE grades this academic year.

How will grades be calculated?

DLC will be asked to send exam boards two pieces of information for each subject, based on what we know about a student's work and achievements:

- the grade they believe a student was most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned
- within each subject, the order of students at DLC, by performance, for each grade. This information will be used to standardise judgements – allowing fine tuning of the standard applied across schools and colleges

DLC college will consider a range of things like student's classwork and homework; results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework they might have done; and their general progress during the course.

This information will allow exam boards to standardise grades across schools and colleges, to make sure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged because their schools or colleges are more generous or harsh than others when making those judgements. That means the final grade students get could be different from the one that DLC sends to the exam board.

Can a student see the grades DLC submits for them?

No, this information will be confidential. Please don't ask teachers, or anyone else at DLC, to tell you the grades they will be sending to the exam boards or where they have placed individuals in the order of students; they will not be allowed to share this with you.

When will students get their results?

Exam Boards and Ofqual are working hard to get results out as soon as is possible – results won't be delayed after the dates they were expected in August, and ideally they will be issued a little earlier, so students can have the certainty they need.

Can students take their exams at another time?

There is the possibility to take exams in the autumn term however full details for this have not been published yet.

Please be reassured that the grades students get this summer will look exactly the same as in previous years, and they will have equal status with universities, colleges and employers, to help students move forward in their lives as planned.

If you have any questions please email me directly at – p.midworth@dlc.dorset.sch.uk or via the school office. We can also offer post 16 advice through an independent advisor. Clare Hymas, she is contactable via email clare.hymas@ansbury.co.uk

Stay safe and thank you for continued support.

Yours faithfully

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