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## Centre Assessed Grades and 'Moderated' Grades

Dear Parents and Students

I write in regards to the recent changes to the awarding of exam grades this summer.

Moderated grades have been calculated by the examination boards using the OfQual algorithm (using CAGs - centre assessed grades - in most cases). There has been substantial publicity regarding this in recent days and I am sure you will be relieved to hear that CAGs will also be used to determine examination grades.

To calculate centre assessed grades, the school followed the OfQual guidance. CAGs are a holistic, professional judgement, balancing the different sources of evidence available. We, as teachers, have a good understanding of students' performance and how they compare to other students within subjects this year, and in previous years.

Students' performance over the course of study was objectively assessed and a realistic judgement made of the grade each student would have been most likely to get if they had taken their exams as normal. We drew on existing records and available evidence such as mock exams, homework, classwork, tests and progress review data, previous results in our school in the subject, the performance of this year's students compared to those in previous years, and any other relevant information.

Grades will now be awarded as the **highest** of the centre assessed grades submitted by the school or the moderated grade calculated by the algorithm. Students will receive these grades electronically from our examinations officer on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August for GCSE and soon after for A Level and Vocational qualifications.

Earlier this week OfQual decided not to use mock exams as a means of appealing the grades students receive through the moderated grade process.

Currently, there still exists an examination season for all A Level (October) and GCSE (November) subjects so that students have the opportunity to sit examinations in any of their subjects. Exam entry deadlines are very soon so please check the school website for information.

Yours faithfully

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