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Dear Parent/Carer,

Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in Summer 2021

I can now confirm that the consultation process is now open for the above.

I ask that as many parents and pupils complete this as possible within the required time frame which finishes on Friday 29th January 2021.

I copy the summary on Page 4 for your perusal.

"Students need grades to continue to the next stage of their education or training, or into employment. Grades must reflect what a student knows, understands and can do, and they must be widely understood and respected. In place of exams in summer 2021 we propose that **a** student's grade in a subject will be based on their teacher's assessment of the standard at which they are performing."

I have highlighted the last sentence as it is important to understand that for teachers to do this correctly, your child **must continue to engage with remote learning** and follow the teacher's instructions, including completing assessments. The Mock exam outcomes will be used by teachers but are only one aspect in determining the final grade.

I particularly refer parents to the small number of pupils who are engaging very little in remote learning. I will personally ring these parents to ensure that they know what the implications of not engaging are. Frankly, it will be much lower grades than your child will be expecting, and this may have a detrimental impact on their futures. I really do not want that to happen. I want to work with you now and over the next few months so that all pupils will get a grade that reflects both their ability and their hard work/engagement.

To respond to the consultation online click on the following link.

Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021 (smartsurvey.co.uk)

As this is the beginning of the consultation process, I will give firmer details on what the final decision will be once it becomes known.

Regards

Yours sincerely

Mr Logue Headteacher



