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Dear parents/carers and students,

I hope you are all well. Since the Secretary of State for Education announced that the 2020 exam series in England would be cancelled to help fight the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have been awaiting guidance from the Office for Qualifications and Examination Regulations (OfQual) as to how schools and academies nationally will determine examination grades. Along with this letter, please find a letter from OfQual that outlines how schools and academies will do this.

Further guidance can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf

This has been a particularly challenging time for students, parents and carers leaving many anxious. We absolutely appreciate how difficult this has been for students, some disappointed and some relieved. Over the coming weeks staff will be working hard, following these guidelines, to arrive at appropriate grades that will reflect the hard work and effort students have been making, *without* disadvantaging any individuals. Please can I emphasise OfQual's message that this is a confidential process, staff have been directed to not enter into any discussion about grades or process we are following. Please do not approach staff for this purpose.

I would also like to add that whilst OfQual require no further evidence from schools, we will still be requiring students to complete tasks on Google Classroom, these will begin to focus on preparation for Post 16 study. I am sure you will agree, a prolonged break from structured work could seriously disadvantage students before they embark on further study at sixth form or college when lockdown ends.



As we receive any further information, you will be notified at the earliest opportunity. As ever I would like to extend my thanks to parents for your invaluable support at this time. Rest assured, we will work our hardest to ensure that students are able to access the courses and further study they require. Our students are exceptional and have handled themselves admirably in a time of such huge uncertainty. We are hugely proud of the efforts they have made as the end of year approached and for the increase in focus as we moved towards the final examinations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Monk', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr W Monk
Principal