

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Year 11 grades for Summer 2020 examinations**

As you are aware schools have been asked to give estimates of the grades that your sons and daughters should have achieved had they been able to sit their examinations in May and June this year.

I want to reassure you that teachers do not only take into account the mock results that your son or daughter achieved during Year 11. Whilst these are useful we know of course that they do not describe the whole picture and that students make gains in the grade that they would ultimately achieve as a result of the intense interventions, Easter school and well planned work that they would have taken part in if school had been open in the run up to those examinations. The pattern of improvement is something we experience every year as the examinations loom closer.

Staff at school – who know your son and daughter well – will make well informed professional judgments to inform the grade that they give your child.

***However, it is important to note that the grade that our staff give may not be the grade that your child is given by Ofqual in the results process for each subject awarded.***

### **How could the grade be amended?**

Staff are also being asked to rank the performance of your son or daughter against the performance of their peers in school in every subject they take. This will give the examination board information that will allow them to set the grade boundaries. They will take into account a variety of data including your child's performance at the end of KS2. This may mean in some circumstances that where a student is at the higher end of that ranking your child may be given a grade ***higher than the teacher's judgment***. It could also mean that where a student is at the lower end of the ranking your child may be given a grade ***lower than the teacher's judgment***.

Staff have been advised by the Government, Ofqual and the Department for Education that they are ***not allowed to share the grades*** that they have allocated ***nor the ranking with students or parents***. Any non-compliance with this request will have serious repercussions for the school and potentially the student.

As a school we will be working hard to ensure that students are allocated the grades that reflect where we feel their efforts and potential would have taken them. We are also working with teaching bodies and unions to ensure the process is delivered fairly for the benefit of all students.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact me via the office e-mail address. ([office@jstc.org.uk](mailto:office@jstc.org.uk)).

Yours sincerely,

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