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Dear Year 13 student,

Year 13 Update – AS and A Levels

Please find below a letter from school which follows an announcement today by exam's regulator Ofqual. A letter from Ofqual to each student is also included [here](#).

Examination Grades for AS and A Level, and EPQ

We have now received some further guidance on how we are to prepare and submit student's grades, following the cancellation of this summer's examinations. Please note that at this stage we have received no guidance on vocational qualifications for Year 12 or 13 students.

The grades, will initially be produced by the staff in school. As previously stated, the intention of Ofqual is to ensure that the final results reflect the grades that each student would have been most likely to achieve, had the examinations gone ahead.

The school results, for the whole year group, will then be submitted to the examination boards. It will then be for the examination boards to make the final judgements and issue the results. It is clear that the examination boards retain the control of the final grades and they can amend (up or down) the results submitted by the school should they consider them to be inaccurate or statistically out of line with national or local/school figures.

Please note that the priority remains to ensure that you can move on to the next phase of your education, an apprenticeship, employment and training, or college place.

Once the grades are awarded there will be the chance to appeal the grade if you think it is wrong. You will probably need to take an examination when schools have re-opened, should you wish to appeal.

Communications with School Regarding Exam Results

The process of awarding grades must proceed as directed by Ofqual.

Individual teachers and other school colleagues are forbidden from engaging with students or parents/carers whilst this process is taking place and the school's grading of results will not be shared. The integrity of the examinations system needs to be maintained, so please do not make contact with any member of staff at this time as colleagues are instructed to not respond.

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UCAS & Careers

You will have received advice from UCAS regarding the new deadlines for accepting offers and the advice remains to consider options carefully and not feel that you have to accept unconditional offers at this stage. Please keep looking out for further announcements from UCAS.

If you are still considering other options, the Target Careers website might provide some useful help. You can find them [here](#).

Have a good holiday and keep well!

Yours sincerely,



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