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Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware the Government has recently released details on how GCSE grades will be awarded this summer.

Although we are still awaiting full details I would like to give you a summary of the situation, as we presently understand it and to reassure you that we will do our best to support our students so that they achieve grades that reflect their effort and ability:

- Pupils will be graded by teacher judgement, although that will involve a school and Trust quality assurance process, to ensure fairness and eliminate any potential bias.
- Pupils will only be assessed on what they have been taught.
- Results will be based on completed, but also future work, so pupils need to keep working hard up until the point at which they leave.
- We are awaiting more details on what evidence we can use to award grades, but we expect that it will be broad and include additional assessment materials, provided by the exam board.
- The process of deciding on grades will be left as late as possible to allow pupils time to prove what they are capable of. We do not expect to begin the process before **Monday 17 May** at the earliest.
- There will not be trial exams for Year 11s on their immediate return next week. However, some additional assessments will be needed, in most subjects, after the Easter holiday. We will provide further details in the near future.
- Exam results day will be **Thursday 12 August** and we will ensure that pupils are fully supported, whatever the circumstances.

We will continue to keep you informed as and when we receive further information from the Government. If the meantime if you do have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Mr. Wright
Assistant Headteacher