

Subject: Latest Examination News

Dear Students of Years' 11, 12 and 13,

First of all, I hope this correspondence finds you and your families well today.

Once again, you may well have seen and heard lots of sound bites in the news today about what COULD be involved in capturing your eventual grades this summer. However, just to confirm, the full consultation hasn't even been launched as of yet although we are expecting it to be later this week after which it will be open for a two week period. After that, there will be a full and detailed review of what will be the many thousands of thoughts, views and opinions submitted after which, the Government and Ofqual will clarify what we will need to then do moving forward. Therefore, as is the case here and as I have said previously, plus as I did last year when we went through a very similar process with our Year 11-13 students, we will keep you up to speed and fully informed every step of the way.

For the record, I will also be ensuring that you, your parents and carers have an opportunity to contribute to this consultation as to me, it is only right and proper that you are all able to do so as they are your examinations at the end of the day. Therefore, I will be in touch after the consultation has been launched to clarify as to how you will be able to do this should you wish to do so of course.

The final point I will make in this communication is that in today's letter from Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, to the Ofqual lead, Simon Lebus, Mr Williamson said:

"It is my view that a teacher's final judgement on a student's grade ought to be as late as possible in the academic year to maximise remaining teaching time and ensure students are motivated to remain engaged in education."

Therefore, whilst this is yet to be confirmed, it does actually add to the point that Mr Stoneman, Mrs Clark, Mr Rose and myself have made on a number of occasions now in that do apply yourself and work to the very best of your abilities until we tell you otherwise at some point in the summer term. This is because as well as everything that you have already done and that we know about you already, what you do moving forward will without doubt contribute to our final assessment of each and every one of your grades. However, I know that many of you have already grasped this and have worked superbly well for many years already and will continue to do so moving forward regardless.

With respect and sincerest best wishes,

Mr Wakefield