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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware the Department for Education has now released its response to the consultation over GCSEs and A Levels for 2021, you can find the link to this below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/965005/6747-1_decisions_-_GQ_consultation_on_awarding_grades_in_2021.pdf

In summary it has been confirmed that students will receive grades determined by schools, they will only be assessed on what they've been taught and no algorithm will be used as it was for A Levels last year.

The document does state that, '*Teachers will need to assess performance based only on what has been taught to determine the grade each student should receive.*' It also states '*Schools and colleges should use a broad range of evidence for each student*'. Other key messages include, students should continue to work through their courses and on coursework, '*the deadline for submitting grades will be 18 June 2021*' with results day on August 12th.

As I'm sure you understand there is much to consider from this document and we will now be looking carefully at this and any additional information which is released over the coming days.

Most importantly, I want to reassure you that doing the very best for our students is at the heart of all we do to ensure they can progress onto their first choice Post 16 pathway.

Once I know more I will write to you again with further detail, thank you as always for your patience and support.

With warmest wishes

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