

Dear student

GCSE Grades

Following today's announcement from Ofqual, the college will be calculating GCSE grades over the coming weeks, based on the evidence we, as an Examination Centre, hold for each student i.e. it will only be based on the assessment of work carried out by students such as classwork; homework; mock exams; non-exam assessment or coursework; and general progress during the course.

The exam boards will use this information to standardise judgements – allowing fine tuning of the standard applied across schools and colleges, to make sure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged because their schools or colleges are more generous or harsh than others. That means the final grade awarded could be different from the one the college sends to the exam board.

Ofqual has issued guidance for teachers, students and parents that can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf

A letter has also been issued for students that can be accessed using the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

As stated in the guidance, any grades submitted by the college will be subject to ratification by the awarding organisation responsible and as a result, we are not able to share any grades that we, as a college, submit for individual students.

There are further details in the guidance document about the process. Students will still have the opportunity to sit their exams in the autumn term if they wish and both grades will stand.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Lorraine Heath'.

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