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Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to our communication with you on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, we are now able to provide an update on the government's current proposals for the awarding of GCSE and A-level grades this summer. Please understand that these are an outline for the proposed system at this time and further clarification is due regarding the implementation of the proposal in April.

At the current time the main points are as follows:

- Exam Boards will be asked to establish a process to calculate a grade for each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible.
- Exam Boards will be asking schools to submit their judgement on the grade that they believe the student would have received if the exams had taken place.
- Teachers will be asked to take a range of evidence into account when deciding on this grade including mock exams and non-exam assessments. Further guidance about how to do this fairly and thoroughly will be issued to schools in due course.
- Exam boards will combine this information with other relevant data to calculate a grade for each student.
- The Exam Boards aim to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July
- Students will be able to appeal their grades with the Exam Board if they do not believe the right process has been followed and the option to sit exams at the start of the following academic year will be made available. Students will also be able to choose to sit exams next summer if they wish.

We understand that this may not answer all of your questions at this time and that students may still be anxious about the process. Please rest assured that the school will be working hard to ensure that students receive the outcomes that they deserve and that we will keep you informed as further clarity of the process is received.

All the best,

Mr S Clarke  
Deputy Headteacher