

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Students

We hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. We want to thank each one of you for your maturity during the return to school period and with the new testing requirements, and also for your excellent level of engagement in lessons so far.

We know that you will be looking ahead to the end of the academic year and hoping for further information about **what will happen now that the examinations for 2021 have been cancelled**. This letter outlines the way in which schools and colleges have been asked to award your grades this year.















1. Your grades will be decided by your teachers based on the **work you have completed so far and how well you continue to perform until May half-term**. In other words, the hard work you have done so far in the classroom and through remote learning will be considered in your grade, but you also **still have the chance to improve it**.
2. Your teachers will look at a **range of evidence** including substantial pieces of work you have completed, along with the results of assessments and mock exams that you have taken.
3. As part of the range of evidence, you will sit some **assessments during the first three weeks of May**. You should take these assessments seriously and revise well for them.
4. Your teachers will work together in their departments and across Magna Learning Partnership and with other schools and colleges to **moderate your work and compare your grades** – this will make sure that the process is fair.
5. It is important that you **keep engaged in your learning at all times and produce the highest quality work possible** so that your continued hard work can be considered in your grade.
6. If you want to read more about the awarding of grades, please see the attached document that gives you some extra detail.

#### Further Information

Please note that **your teachers are not allowed to talk to you or your parents/carers about what grade you might be awarded**.

- If you need to detail your predicted grades in college/further/higher education applications, please use the last predicted grade you received from your school report.
- We will give you further information about the **May assessments in the next few weeks**.
- We will also contact you with information regarding the date for your 'final' day at school once we know more about this.
- We are currently writing a policy that explains a bit more about how MLP academies will award grades. We'll share it with you when it is finished.
- Results days:
  - Sixth form qualifications – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and for
  - GCSE examinations - Thursday 12 August 2021.

More information about timings of these days will be provided to you in due course.

Working out your grade	Evidence	Results and appeals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Graded by teacher judgement</li> <li> Not graded by an algorithm</li> <li> School and college assessments can continue</li> <li> You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught</li> <li> Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you</li> <li> Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence</li> <li> Non-exam assessment should continue</li> <li> Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete</li> <li> Art &amp; design grade based only on your portfolio</li> <li> Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to</li> <li> Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best</li> </ul>	<p><b>Results days</b>  AS and A level 10 August  GCSE 12 August</p> <p> If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.</p> <p><b>You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website</b></p> <p> <a href="http://www.gov.uk/ofqual">www.gov.uk/ofqual</a></p>

Just keep doing what you are doing – your teachers are all here to support you and want you to do as well as you can. Stay focused and keep working to the best of your ability. If you're worried or are finding the return to school/college difficult, please do talk to someone – we are all here to help.

Warm Regards



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