



15th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you on the arrangements for your child's GCSE results this summer. Ofqual (Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) have released a statement about how the GCSE grades will be awarded. You can read their full statement here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>

As you will already know, because of the coronavirus the government has announced that this year's GCSE exams have been cancelled. All schools are being asked to provide predicted grades for their students, based on the grade the student would be most likely to have achieved if they had sat their exams.

We have been directed when making judgements about predicted grades to take into account the student's classwork, mock exams and any coursework or external exams that they may have completed. The GCSE certificates that students will receive will look exactly the same as last year's GCSE certificates. The certificate will not show that the qualification has been awarded based on a predicted grade.

Schools and colleges have been told that they must not share their grades with students, parents or carers, under any circumstances, until after final results are issued. The exams regulator Ofqual intends to standardise predictions nationally, which may result in some of our predicted grades being changed.

We currently do not have confirmation of the date at which the Year 11 GCSE results will be released, however the exam boards have stated that they will be released by the 20th August at the latest. We will keep you updated with any new information that becomes available relating to GCSE results being published.

There will be a national appeals process so if a student feels that the grade that they have been awarded is too low, they can appeal the judgement. The process for this has not yet been published; we will share this with you as soon as it is released. The exam boards are also planning to make the GCSE exams available to students next year, for those who still want to sit the exams stating: "Students will have the opportunity to sit exams at the earliest reasonable opportunity in the new academic year if they choose."

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Once the current restrictions have been lifted, we will organise a leavers assembly for Year 11 students and confirm the date of the prom. As previously mentioned, I am determined that our amazing Year 11 leavers do not miss out on those opportunities.

Should you have any questions about the process, please contact my Vice Principal Miss Peek by email: N.Peek@manchesterhealthacademy.org.uk

Best wishes and in the meantime stay safe and support our amazing NHS by maintaining the social distancing measures at all times.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Green
Principal

