



Perryfields High School and Sixth Form

Specialist Maths and Computing College



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update on Examination Grades

Following the announcement last week that GCSE examinations have been cancelled, the government has released further information with regards to how grades will be calculated for Year 11 students. The exam regulator Ofqual and all exam boards will be ensuring GCSE students will be:

'Awarded a grade which fairly reflects the work that they have put in. There will also be an option to sit an exam early in the next academic year for students who wish to. Ofqual will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible, and will work with the exam boards to ensure this is consistently applied for all students.'

We will be asking your child's teachers, for every subject, to submit their judgement about a grade they believe your child would have received if exams had gone ahead. To produce this, it is likely teachers will be asked to:

'Take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment – clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly will be provided to schools and colleges. The exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in.'

Ofqual and exam boards will be discussing with teachers' representatives before finalising an approach, to ensure that it is as fair as possible. As soon as more information is made available to us regarding this, we will write to you again.

We appreciate what a confusing and difficult time this is for your child and will continue to do all we can to support them over the next few months. Work will continue to be uploaded on to Class Charts to aid their preparation for their future career, either at college, completing an apprenticeship or in employment.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud we all are of our Year 11 students. They have worked incredibly hard up to this point and should take great pride in their qualifications when they are awarded. They have shown themselves to be incredibly mature and compassionate young people and we look forward to welcoming them back to school for a celebration assembly and of course, their prom. As soon as we are in a position to formalise a date for the assembly and confirm the arrangements for the prom, we will be in touch. In the interim, take care and stay safe.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@perrys.org.uk if you would like any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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