

**3 April 2020**

Dear Year 10 Student, Parent and Carer

### **Ofqual Announcement**

You may have heard the recent announcement regarding the awarding of qualifications for this summer's examination series.

Ofqual, the regulator for exams, is proposing that grades will **not** be issued for students in Year 10 who were due to sit their exams this summer but they will shortly consult on this proposal.

Ofqual has today stated that:

*"We realise that, if the final decision is to exclude Year 10 and below students, this will be disappointing for those students, but our objective in awarding grades based on teachers' judgements is primarily to allow students to progress to the next stage of their education, or to employment or training. Students in Year 10 and below will have the opportunity to sit exams in future exam series. We will make a final decision and provide further information before any data needs to be submitted to the exam boards."*

Not to award Year 10 GCSEs this summer will be upsetting for you and we realise this. **If this proposal goes ahead, this will mean that only examinations that are taken when you are in Year 11 will be awarded.**

We are continuing to work hard on our curriculum planning for next year to ensure that our current Year 10 students get the best possible qualifications. We will let you know when the decision regarding the GCSEs you should have taken this year is confirmed and what our plan will then be. We are committed to enabling you to certificate the courses that you have undertaken and will do our very best to ensure this happens.

If you have any questions, please use the Contact Us page on the academy website to get in touch.

The most important thing for you all to do at this time is not to worry and stay safe. Please be assured that we are doing our best to make this right for you.

Yours faithfully



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**Principal**