



Dear Parents/carers,

## **CV19 daily update (Issue 18– Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – 12.00pm)**

Dear parents/carers,

The DfE and Ofqual have just released information about examinations. Before I share this with you, can I clarify the position with our year 9 students from after Easter.

### **Year 9 update**

Due to the difficulty in finalising all GCSE subject choices, partly because we are still finalising staffing for September 2020, ALL YEAR 9 STUDENTS must continue to follow ALL SUBJECTS after Easter. Until we have confirmed GCSE choices, they will not be able to drop studying these subjects. Secondly, PRE is in a different category and should be studied by all students since it is a CORE curriculum subject. All students will be studying elements of PRE in year 10 and 11, so must continue all of the year 9 course.

My apologies for the confusion, this was entirely my fault but I hope this clarifies the situation.

### **Year 11 and Year 13 GCSE and A-level examination update**

The DfE and Ofqual guidance can be found at the following page:

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

In addition, there is a guidance paper that can be found at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877842/Summer\\_2020\\_grades\\_for\\_GCSE\\_AS\\_A\\_level\\_EPQ\\_AEA\\_in\\_maths\\_-\\_guidance\\_for\\_teachers\\_students\\_parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf)

There is also a letter for students that can be downloaded here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877830/Letter\\_to\\_students\\_-\\_Summer\\_2020\\_grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf)

We will attach the two documents to this mailing for you in case you have difficulty downloading.

The key messages are that all schools will submit their centre assessment grades at the end of May this year. Exam boards and Ofqual will then apply their moderation procedures to these centre assessment grades and look to make awards of GCSEs and A-levels either on or before the usual examination results days in August. I think the government are keen for

students to know the outcomes of their hard work as quickly as possible, so we might assume that results will come earlier than the current published results dates.

***They re-iterate that the centre assessment grades are confidential and schools are not allowed to share these with you.***

Please take time to read this information so that you are familiar with the process.

We will be finalising centre assessment grades by the end of May, ready for submission.

The position with year 10 is a little less clear at this stage, and we will be waiting for further guidance on those due to be taking the algebra award this summer.

I hope this is of use.

With best wishes

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