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Dear Parents, Carers and Year 11 students,

Year 11 - GCSE Grade - Further Advice

We have completed the process of awarding grades based upon teacher assessments. The Department for Education asked teachers and schools to submit the grade that they believe most accurately reflects the grade that the student deserves.

Guidance issued to schools has also said that the grade will be linked to the previous cohort's (2019 results) performance more strongly than had initially indicated. For our academy, this is not a huge issue as we were predicting that this year's cohort would perform broadly in-line with the previous year's cohort. However I have huge sympathy with students who are attending schools who were predicting significant increases. The final part of the process now lies with the exam boards. They will look at the national data from all schools and then decide whether they believe we have been too generous or too harsh on the grades we have submitted. They may look to alter the grades that we believe that you deserve.

BTEC and the vocational qualification awarding is slightly more complicated than the GCSE process. As you are aware your courses are made up of a combination of exams and internally assessed units.

Your teachers have had to submit the marks for the units that you have completed; and then predict the units that you would have completed from March to June. This is the part of the course that the teachers have then ranked you from the highest performance in the group to the weakest.

Exam grades for PE and VCert Engineering will also be counted as you all have completed 2 attempts at the exam. For all other BTECs; iMedia and Hospitality and Catering the exam board will calculate your final exam grade based on your first attempt and your profile of unit marks.

Rest assured that the same time and discussion has occurred around the BTEC grading and ranking that has around the GCSEs.

A reminder that you can access careers advice through Miss Cunningham and Miss McKenna via Google Classroom.

GCSE results day remains Thursday 20th August.

Stay safe and well Year 11.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Lowry
Principal