



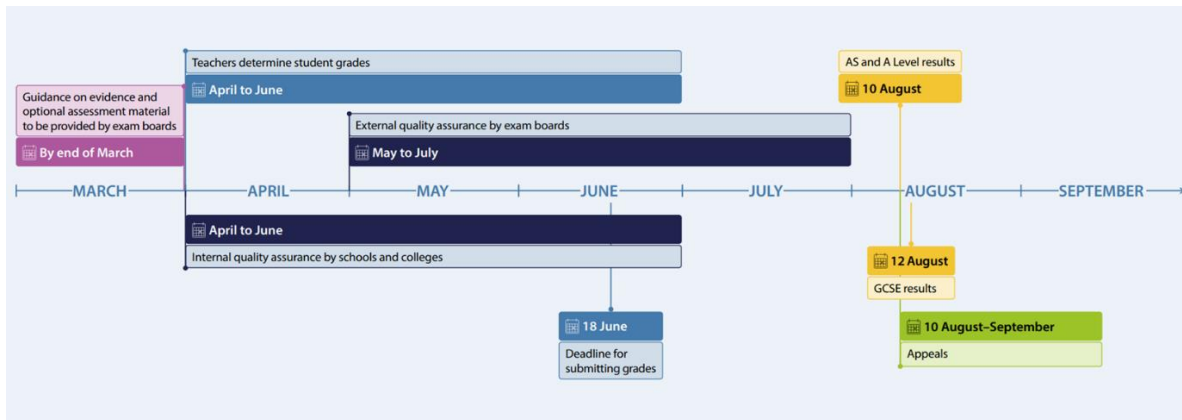
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Dear Parents,

I am sure you will have seen that Ofqual have concluded their consultation and published their findings. They have provided an outline to the examination bodies regarding the range of work and formal assessments that is to be used as evidence to support the final awarding of grades. We now wait on further and more detailed guidance from each examination board along with the support material we can use, which I am told will be with us by the end of this month.

A timeline has been provided by the awarding bodies to illustrate the process we will follow. Through April to late June there will be a programme of work and assessed tasks set out so pupils have the guided preparation to complete their course of study. I intend to provide a schedule by the end of this term which will show focus weeks for each subject, running from mid-April to mid-June so the workload is evenly spread and can be effectively managed by students and their teachers. This will follow their normal timetable with most assessments being done in class and those with access arrangements in place will be provided for.



I will be writing separately to those currently overseas who faces difficulty in travelling back to the UK for the summer term with further information on how they will be able to complete summative assessments but we hope the majority will be back with us. Those following the IB Diploma will be aware that the IBO have confirmed that the IA dates remain unchanged. We remain hopeful that they will extend the dates we have to submit overall grades in lieu of exams to allow more teaching and assessment time next term where exams would have been taking place but I cannot confirm that as yet. As soon as we get a response on this from IBO you will be informed.



These have been difficult times and it is commendable how positive our examination year students have been in progressing through the work online and engaging in their learning. As they return to school we are, at last, able set out a road map for them to follow. I believe that the steady approach to completing their course of study we will take through the Summer term will be to the benefit of each student. There is more time to hone those higher skills, time for a final push in the core areas, and the opportunity to adopt a less stressful approach to the concluding assessment tasks than they would have experienced had they been doing the full examination schedule.

I have attached an infographic provided by Ofqual to illustrate the process of how grades will be awarded. The dates for the publication of results have been confirmed as follows: IB - Tuesday 6th July, BTEC - Monday 12th July, A level - Tuesday 10th August, GCSE - Thursday 12th August.

Yours sincerely,

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