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Dear Year 11

We know that over these last few weeks, many of you have been concerned about how your GCSE grades will be awarded in the summer. Ofqual, the exams regulator in the UK have released further information about how they plan to provide you with grades. Detail can be found in the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

In summary, the key messages are described below.

- Schools will be asked to submit two pieces of information for each of your subjects:
- A 'Centre Assessment Grade' which is the grade you would have most likely achieved if you had sat your exams.
- A rank order of students within each grade for each subject

Key points:

- Grades submitted to the exam boards will then go through a process of standardisation to ensure fairness across schools.
- We have been told by Ofqual that we cannot share the Centre Assessment Grades or where you are placed in the rank order with students, parents or carers.
- You will receive your grades by the expected date of August 20th at the latest.
- You will then have the option to appeal the grades (where appropriate) and/or sit the exam during the next academic year.

Further information:

- At this stage, please do not carry on with completing any coursework – you will not be disadvantaged if you have not completed any work given out since the school has been closed.
- You should carry on completing work set by the school – this may prove useful to you if you do decide to sit GCSE exams in a future exam season. It is also important that you keep in good working habits in preparation for your next stage in education.
- Currently, we are unable to release any grades from exams already taken this year until we have further guidance.

I hope this information provides you with some reassurance. We understand that you may be feeling unsettled, please rest assured that the school and Ofqual are working to ensure that the grades awarded this summer are fair and that you are not disadvantaged by these unprecedented conditions.

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Please also remember that the grades awarded this summer will look exactly the same as in previous to GCSE courses, when we have more information regarding the awarding of BTEC and Cambridge National qualifications, we will let you know.

If you have any questions, please email swhite@hansprice.org.uk

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