

24th March 2020

Dear Scholars and Families

GCSE and A Levels 2020

You will be aware that the government has taken the decision to cancel all assessments this summer. This means that there will be no examinations for A level or GCSE. The examination boards are working with the government to come up with a way of allocating grades to students across the country that fairly reflects the hard work, determination and progress they have made during their secondary education.

We are receiving updates on a regular basis and wanted to take this opportunity to communicate our current position to yourselves.

The government has advised that they will provide a “calculated grade” based on teacher predictions, moderation and prior attainment. Our opinion is that this will consider information that we provide alongside, for example, their Key Stage 2 scores to inform what every child would reasonably be expected to attain.

There are some key points on which you need to be clear:

1. The final grade will be from the examination board, not Dixons McMillan Academy
2. There will be an appeals process following publication of grades
3. There may be an exam window in the autumn term for scholars who wish to challenge their grades
4. All scholars will be offered the opportunity to resit their exams in summer 2021
5. We are still awaiting guidance on how sixth form college and university applications will be handled for this current year
6. Any or all of this guidance is subject to change

Finally, and most importantly academy staff are doing and will do as much as we can to ensure that scholars receive a fair grade which recognises their learning and achievement in any given subject. We will keep you updated as we know more.

Best Wishes

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