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Dear Parents and Carers

You may have already seen Ofqual's consultation proposals for the awarding of grades for Year 11 students. It asks for the opinions of teachers and school leaders but is also asking for responses from students, parents and carers regarding how GCSE grades will be decided.

The consultation proposals, which cover important decisions including what the grades will mean, how students will be assessed, and how students might appeal a grade decision, can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

To take part in the consultation survey, click [here](#).

It is vital that your child engages fully with remote learning. Whatever the outcome of the Ofqual consultation, teachers will be collating as much evidence as possible to support their judgements between now and June. And if there is a May/June 'assessment window' as the consultation suggests, students will need to continue to build and secure their knowledge base. It is proposed that teachers **will not** be able to award grades on what a student might have done if lockdown had not occurred and therefore every piece of work and remote learning lesson counts.

Once we have received information from Ofqual following the consultation, I will write to you again to outline the next steps.

Thank you for your continued support in these difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely



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