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Dear Year 10 Student, Parent and Carer

Ofqual Consultation on examinations - Year 10

Following my letter to you on 3 April 2020, I promised to keep you updated on Ofqual's (the regulator for examinations) decision regarding year 10 examinations being awarded this summer.

You will recall that in my last letter, I let you know that Ofqual was proposing that grades will **not** be issued for students in Year 10 who were due to sit their exams this summer. However, since I sent you this letter, Ofqual has now launched a consultation on **whether students entered for exams in year 10 or below should receive a calculated grade this summer.**

Ofqual has now stated:

"We set out in our information document that we considered the arrangements should only apply to students in year 11 or above, who needed grades to progress, and that we would consult on this view. We have since received representations from centres, parents and others indicating that the progression of some such students would be disrupted if they were not awarded a grade this summer, and to exclude them would have an unfair impact. We now consider the fairest option is that results should be issued for students in year 10 and below who anticipated sitting exams this summer and we are seeking views on this proposal."

We would urge you to respond to the consultation to give your views on this. You can do so here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/JVVHL3>. The consultation closes at 11.45pm on 29 April 2020.

I would also like to give you some clarity on a point made in Ofqual's consultation document. Ofqual proposes that "...results awarded this summer or autumn for those pupils in year 10 or below will not be included in performance tables in 2021." This **does not** mean that results would be invalid for students but it does mean that the results would not contribute to the academy's performance data, meaning that the academy's published data in 2021 would, if this were to happen, be incorrect. We will, of course, do what is in the best interests of your child, regardless of the performance tables.

We are continuing to work hard on our curriculum planning for next year to ensure that our current Year 10 students get the best possible qualifications. This is our priority. We will of course keep you updated with any decisions we are making.

If you have any questions, please use the 'Contact Us' page on the academy website to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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