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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 students,

Ofqual (the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) have published the findings from the consultation on how GCSE grades are going to be determined in summer 2021. This also outlines the decisions that have been made in response to the consultation. Should you wish to read the full consultation document then it can be found on the gov.uk website using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021>

In summary, grades will be awarded based on teacher judgement, on work that has been taught, using a range of evidence from already completed and future work.

Whilst the guidance does state that you will be informed of what evidence is being used to determine gradings, the final grade submitted to the exam board will not be shared with students ahead of the results day, which this year will fall on **Thursday 12th August**.

Grades can be appealed after this date and more guidance will be released outlining the steps involved in this process.

We are conscious that this is likely to be a very stressful and worrying time for Year 11 students, and we really do want to reassure you that upon returning to school students should continue to experience their subjects as they normally would, and will still have assessments and past paper questions, for example, to complete in class as has always been the case.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 11 back into school and to be able to resume face to face teaching again. We are awaiting further, more detailed, guidance from both Ormiston Academies Trust and the examination boards as to what evidence and other assessments are likely to happen, and as soon as we receive this information we will share this with you. This is likely to happen in the next couple of weeks.

Please find enclosed two helpful posters that also summarises the information on how your child will be awarded their grades.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Robson
Principal

