

Dear Student,

We know the uncertainty about your GCSE and BTEC examinations in the summer is causing concern. At the moment the Government are conducting a consultation to gather views on the proposals for how your grades will be awarded.

We have the same questions as you. What will the assessment involve? When will the grades need to be submitted? What will be examined? Plus, lots of other questions. Hopefully, we will know in a few weeks the answers to all the questions.

What we do know is that you still need to stay focused and motivated to achieve good grades. Attendance at lessons and completion of all work is important.

The teachers will need to assess your work to estimate a grade because you will not be taking external examinations. When we know the outcomes of the Government consultation, we will update you about what will happen in school to ensure you have the best chances of achieving good grades.

Many of you have asked if the results from the mock examinations will be used. The answer is that they may be part of the overall picture, but the most important evidence is the work you produce in the next months. So, you still have time to make a difference to your final grades!

We will put in place a range of extra support for revision, catch-up classes, advice on careers or college applications and various assessments. This will allow you to show us what you know and for us to submit accurate grades that reflect your ability.

We know things are not easy for you at the moment, but we will do everything we can to support you. If you have suggestions that you think would help let us know.

Hopefully we will see you soon back in school, ready for a final push to the end of the year.

Stay safe and best wishes

Mr James & Mr Leys