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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Grading

Yesterday the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulator (OfQUAL) announced that, following a consultation period, students in year 10 and below that were due to sit an examination this summer will be assessed and graded in the same way as the current Year 11 & 13 students. This will affect your child if they were due to sit the GCSE in Religion and Philosophy or any other GCSE/A Level in May 2020.

This means that between now and the summer your teachers of Religion and Philosophy (other subject teachers if applicable) alongside senior leaders in the school will be working to agree the evidence-base to be used to calculate Centre Assessed Grades. The evidence will be holistic and not based on one single element.

At each stage of the process there will be discussions with a range of colleagues to ensure that the grades are representative of the grade each student would have been most likely to get if they had taken their exam in Religion and Philosophy or another subject.

For students with SEN, we will make our judgement assuming students had continued to receive any usual additional learning support, and where students have an agreed reasonable adjustment or access arrangement, we will judge the grade that these students would most likely have achieved if they had been able to sit their examinations with the intended reasonable adjustment or access arrangement in place.

We believe that the results will need to be submitted to examination boards in early June and the results will be issued to students on the published results dates in August.

Please note that we are not allowed to share provisional grades, nor rank orders, with students or parents and carers. In addition we are not allowed to share any further information regarding the process with anyone outside of the staff body at the school. This is to protect the integrity of the teachers' judgements, and to avoid Teachers, Heads of Department or Heads of Centre feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence. Please do not contact any member of staff regarding your child's grade or ranking as they will not respond.

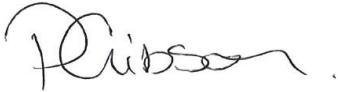
The normal arrangements for reviews of marking and appeals will not apply this year, but Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) and Ofqual are considering what arrangements might be put in place to allow an effective appeal. More details of this will be published in due course and we will inform you when we have that information.

Students who feel that their grades from the summer do not reflect their ability will have the opportunity to take their exam in the autumn series or in summer 2021. If they choose to do this, students will be able to use the higher of the two grades for future progression. We will write to you separately with guidance for students who wish to take the examination at a later stage. We strongly advise that if you suspect this is likely to be the case students keep up to date with their work and retain all their notes so that they can prepare for the examination.

Ofqual has released a useful video aimed at students, outlining the next steps towards submitting examination grades:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXuDOrtJY1Q&feature=youtu.be>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Gibson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher