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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 11 students

I am sure that you have followed with interest the recent developments in the A level and GCSE exam results. It is now clear that all Year 11 students will be given their Centre Assessed Grade (CAG) as their GCSE grade, which we believe is the fairest way of recognising the effort and understanding that they have achieved over their time with us.

On Thursday the grades that will be available on the student portal will be those that we submitted to the exam boards in July and that our teachers believed best reflected what each student would have achieved in the summer had they been able to complete their course. We were careful in assigning these grades, ensuring all the available evidence about each student was used, including all the various work they had completed during the course, their mock results and their potential at the time the school was closed. The school also checked these against their KS2 outcomes and those of previous cohorts to make certain that the results were comparable with what might be expected for each student. Our vocational courses will be unaffected by this adjustment.

There will undoubtedly be significant profile about this in the media on Wednesday and Thursday and I want you to know that we are available for students and parents should you need to get in touch. The pressure on schools and teachers around this issue has been intense and we now find ourselves with an enormous shift in policy around the process of generating students' grades with only a few days until they are released. If a student is unhappy with the grade they receive, there will be the option of sitting an exam in the Autumn to see if they can improve their outcome and more details of how this can be managed will be available in due course.

I would like to add that while the grades are immensely important and provide the endorsement of a student's academic progress, we know that the students in our care are so much more than just this. We have seen each student grow and develop over the past 5 years in many ways other than those that can be assessed. I hope that they keep their eyes on the bigger picture in all this and realise that in these unsettled times they will be able to move on from Esher High School to the next stage of their careers with a huge depth of knowledge, skills and experience.

This is a rapidly changing situation and we will keep you updated with further information as and when we receive it. There is, as ever, more detail on the school website.

Kind regards

Mr M Boddington
Headteacher



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