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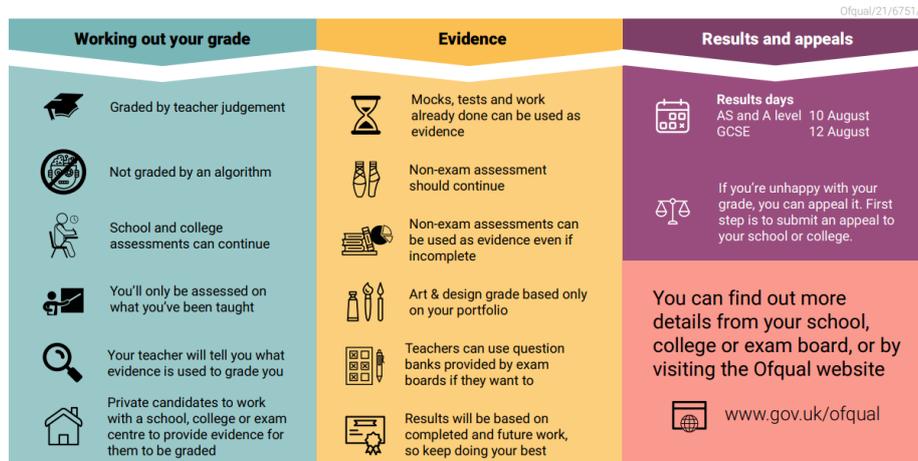
Headteacher: Mr. J. Fox

Friday 26th February
Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the consultation on Examinations for 2021, yesterday the Government announced their plans for how GCSE'S and BTEC qualifications are to be awarded this year. You may find the infographic below useful as it summarises the main points of the plans. The full Ofqual document outlining their decisions can be found [here](#).

How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021

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I recognise how unsettling, stressful and challenging the last 12 months have been for our year 11 students but I have been overwhelmingly impressed with the resilience and determination shown by them. Writing to you in January, I encouraged year 11 students to rise to the challenge of their teachers' lessons and expectations amidst all the uncertainty and they have really demonstrated their ability to succeed; even in such tumultuous times. We are extremely proud of them for continuing to engage in their remote learning.

Now we have the outcome of the consultation, we will be working closely with Heads of Faculties and teaching staff to ensure that the process of awarding Teacher Assessed Grades will be robust. We are working quickly to establish a clear picture on what evidence will inform Teacher Assessed Grades across subjects and what the rest of this term and the Summer term will look like for our year 11 students. I will share this timeline with you as soon as we are confident it provides the fairness and clarity our students deserve.

I want to assure you that we will provide opportunities for our year 11 students to succeed and showcase the best of their abilities in the coming assessments whilst also maintaining standards that will enable them to feel proud of their achievements. Ultimately, please be assured that we will do all this with their wellbeing at heart.

I look forward to sharing further details about the awarding of grades and welcoming our year 11 students back into school in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Houlston

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