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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 and Year 13 Students

### Ofqual Consultations on Awarding Summer 2021 Grades

I texted all parents on Monday with the link to the Ofqual consultations which are currently ongoing and close at the end of this week. For ease of reference, the link to Ofqual's page containing the consultations is here and I would encourage you to participate: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/consultation-launched-on-2021-exam-replacement>.

The proposals for A Levels and GCSEs are significantly different to what happened last year in that it is proposed that grades awarded are based on how students are actually performing rather than how they might perform in a summer exam. It is proposed that schools will be asked to provide proposed grades in May/June and that exam boards will issue actual grades in July, allowing for any appeals process to be completed by the time university offers are made.

The proposals for vocational qualifications depend on the nature of the courses, but follow the principle that students on these courses will be neither advantaged nor disadvantaged compared to A Level and GCSE courses.

The key message to students remains the same: continue to work hard and to the best of your ability for the rest of the year. By doing this, students will put themselves in the best position possible to be awarded the grades they are aiming for, but they will also be as prepared as they can be for their university, sixth form or college course, apprenticeship or employment.

### Ongoing Assessment in Year 11 and Year 13

Now that we know that final grades will be based on how students are performing, it is important that we continue with assessments in both year groups. When students return to school, formal assessments can take place under test conditions but in the meantime teachers will continue to assess their students remotely, making it clear to students how they would like the assessments to be carried out. The primary function of any assessment at this point will be to support students and staff to identify areas of improvement.

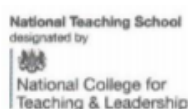
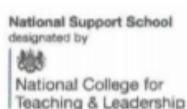
I know that there are still more questions than answers. As soon as the results of the consultation are published I will update you again.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

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