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Dear Parent/Carer

Update regarding calculation of exam results for GCSEs

You are probably aware we have received more guidance and information today regarding the calculation of exam results for GCSE. **We must stress at this time this guidance does not include vocational courses such as BTECs and CNATs (iMedia, Sports Studies and Sport Science).**

Schools will be asked to submit teacher assessments which takes into account the following:

- Non-exam assessments including coursework and performances in practical assessments
- Classwork and homework
- Results of any assignments and mock results
- Records of student performance over the entire course
- The tier of paper students have been entered for

These gives us a depth of work that students will have completed across their courses, to ensure they achieve a grade that is truly reflective of their hard work, commitment and progress.

The school will then be asked to submit the results in rank order for each grade for each subject.

These grades will then go through a standardisation process by the exam boards and there is still more detail to be released on this process. The information so far is that the data provided by the schools will be compared to:

- The expected national outcomes for this year group
- Prior attainment of the students
- The school's results from previous years

There will still be an appeals process and the opportunity to take exams in the Autumn, however we have no information on the appeals process or whether all subjects will be able to be sat in the Autumn series.

It is not yet clear when results will be released; the only information is that it will not be later than the current results day of Thursday 20th August for GCSEs. More information will follow regarding enrolment into sixth form; our entry requirements will remain the same. As soon as we know the date for exam results to be released, we will confirm enrolment days.

Our next steps as a school will be to support our teachers after the Easter holidays to calculate the individual students' grades and rank order, so that we are ready to submit these when requested to do so. **We will be following the directive from the DFE, which is NOT to share the teacher assessments and rank order with students and parents. We already have enough information to forecast the grades and therefore students should NOT contact their teachers.**

Students no longer need to complete work for their GCSEs courses, but they MUST continue to complete vocational work. After Easter, 20th April, we will be providing students with guidance of work, activities and learning they can complete to help their transition to their next phase.

We appreciate your support and patience as this stressful time, we will continue to keep you informed as any other information emerges.

Here is the link to the National letter regarding exams from Ofqual - [*National letter from Ofqual*](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Whiteman twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,
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