



## **Rupert Moreton - Head of School**

Dear Student/Parent/Guardian,

We understand that you are worried about your grades this summer, now that the summer exams have been cancelled. All the exam boards are currently working with the Government on a fair way of determining final grades.

Here is what we know at the moment:

GCSE/AS and A-level grades:

- Exam boards will give students grades this summer which fairly reflect the work they have put in.
- Grades will reflect performance as fairly as possible and 'be indistinguishable' from grades given to students in other years.
- In collaboration with all boards and Ofqual, and together with teachers' representatives, exam boards are going to agree a consistent approach to how grades are calculated.
- Exam boards will ask teachers to predict the grades students would have got if they had sat exams.
- Teachers can take into account evidence such as mock exams and non-exam assessment.
- Exam boards will then use data, such as prior attainment, to decide on a final calculated grade. Some of this data will not be in the control of our teachers.
- Exam boards expect to have more details by the end of this week.

Your results:

- Exam boards will aim to give students their final grades by the end of July.
- Students should be assured that these grades are indistinguishable from those given in other years.
- Universities have been encouraged 'to be flexible and do all they can to support students and ensure they can progress to higher education'.

Further steps:

- There will be opportunities to sit exams early in the autumn term, or in summer 2021, if students are not happy that their grade reflects their performance.
- If students don't feel the right process has been followed, there's also an option to appeal.



*Think for yourself, act for others*

We would encourage you to check out the specific Coronavirus information on the exam boards' website:

Pearson: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/news-policy/press-releases/2020/update-from-pearson-regarding-the-covid-19-coronavirus-outbreak.html>

AQA: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/coronavirus-updates>

OCR: <https://www.ocr.org.uk/news/coronavirus-advice/>

WJEC: <https://www.edugas.co.uk/about-us/latest-news/issuing-grades-for-qualifications-summer-2020>

What are Cheney staff doing?

Cheney staff have been asked by the Senior Leadership Team and the Exams Office, to provide for each Y11 and Y13 student the following:

- Any mock grade from the recent March Mocks
- The Teacher judgement grade looking at what each student's **latest** capability is in lessons and work that has been produced in class/set for homework
- Based on the above and other data such as Learner Characteristics, the teacher's AP3 prediction for what students would have been expected to get in the summer
- Teachers have also been asked to comment on whether we have either sufficient data or insufficient data to provide to the exam boards if required for each student
  - If we need more information we will be contacting you with a plan to provide this information.

We know that this is a stressful and difficult time for our students/parents/carers, but please do not contact staff to request that grades are improved or put pressure on staff about grades. Staff will be making professional, informed and independent decisions.

Students can provide evidence of work to support grades - e.g. by sending in past papers, timed answers, essays, etc. to be marked and collected by teaching staff. Please follow teachers' instructions on Show My Homework or by email about whether or not this is required, either because it is part of the work we have set as closure work or because we need some more evidence. Work should be handed in at reception, however do not expect it to be marked or feedback provided until after a minimum of 5 days.

In the meantime, please bear with us, we will update you as soon as we, as a school, find out more. Continue studying and use the many resources available to you.

Finally, we know these are anxious times but please do not come into school to try and see teachers. The government direction is that everyone should be at home wherever possible.

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The full list of email addresses is on our website here for you to contact individual staff members - [here](#).

Kind Regards

Mr Moreton - Head of School