



Determined, ambitious learners

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Dear students,

To Year 11s

As you well know, the government has decided that no external exams will take place this academic year. They have said that they will take a *'calculated grade'* that *'will take into account teachers' assessment of the likely grade as well as other factors such as prior attainment, so students' final grades will not necessarily reflect their predicted grades.'*

Ofqual has also said that they *'will develop a fair and robust process that takes into account a broad range of evidence, including teacher assessment and prior attainment.'*

and

"If they do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance, they will have the opportunity to sit an exam, as soon as is reasonably possible after schools and colleges open again. Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021."

For students in year 11 therefore, while traditional exams will not be the focus, we will work closely with you in the coming weeks via our remote learning plan and DPR, to capture all the evidence of learning you are engaged with through the DPR. This will present a powerful case for any grades we may award you for you to use as evidence at a later date. **You are all strongly advised to upload quality work around the key objectives for your different subjects into DPR.**

We are being updated with further guidance on this regularly. We will issue more guidance to you as we get them.

For more information on exams related queries click the link below:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2020](#)
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To years 7-10

It is very important that you continue to follow the programme of studies for your different subjects as outlined in the DPR. Your teachers will continue to assess your work and update judgements on DPR.

Your teachers have uploaded lots of quality resources, linked to key learning objectives, including exam papers with solutions. You should take advantage of the resources available. Do the work and upload what you have done in DPR.

From now on, given the nature of remote learning, the DPR will be our primary source of evidence that captures the quality of your work. Progress will be demonstrated by the extent of how many key objectives you have managed to 'secure'!

Of course, this expectation is not anything new, but your engagement with DPR is more important now than ever before. Your hard work now will mean you are ahead of the game when we do return to school.

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