



3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 11 Examination Grades**

I hope you are all as well as you can be and looking after yourselves and each other.

The way in which our Year 11 students left us fills me with great sadness, as our time together should have ended in a much more fitting way than it did. I know that all staff feel the same way. As I said to the students at our final assembly, we are still looking at ways in which to mark their time with us. This may be via a leavers' Mass, Prom and/or Presentation Evening. After the current crisis has passed, I will be writing to you to confirm more details.

In school we have been busy staying open for the key workers of our community and getting to grips with the relentless changes and updates that we receive from the Government.

The Government have now released further clarification on how grades will be awarded. Schools are asked to produce a centre assessed grade for each student and a rank order of students within each grade. The centre assessment grade will be a judgement submitted to the exam board about the grade your child is most likely to have achieved if they had sat their exams. For clarity we are **not allowed** to share provisional grades, nor rank orders, with students or parents and carers before final results have been issued. This is to protect the integrity of the teachers' judgements, and to avoid teachers, Heads of Department or Heads of Centre feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence.

If you have any questions, I would ask that you read the full details which contains a question and answer section. It can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877842/Summer\\_2020\\_grades\\_for\\_GCSE\\_AS\\_A\\_level\\_EPQ\\_AEA\\_in\\_maths\\_-\\_guidance\\_for\\_teachers\\_students\\_parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf)

A small number of our Year 11s sat their BTEC ICT and BTEC Travel and Tourism earlier this year. Their results from the examination element are being sent to your parental email address. This should be with you by the end of the day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at the latest. As a matter of course we normally enter your child for a resit if they have not achieved their target grade. If you have any concerns regarding their re-entry or their grade please contact Mrs Rarity, Faculty Leader for Creative Technology, at [d.rarity@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:d.rarity@stjamesheadle.co.uk) by 14<sup>th</sup>

April.

We will be receiving more information from exams boards after Easter and if there are any changes, I shall be writing to update you. Please do try to find time to celebrate Easter in your homes as we look forward to the resurrection despite the difficulties, we find ourselves in.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex  
Headteacher