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Dear parents, carers and students

We know that the past few weeks have been a distressing and uncertain time for you following the government's intention to cancel examinations this year and move to a different system of awarding grades as a result of the coronavirus epidemic. Please see attached link, the guidance that has just been issued with respect to how this will work in practice:-

https://thecoleshillschool.org/uploads/PDF/LettersParents/2019-2020/2020.04-Summer_2020_Grades_-_GCSE_AS_and_A_Level.pdf

https://thecoleshillschool.org/uploads/PDF/LettersParents/2019-2020/2020.04-Ofqual_Letter_to_Students.pdf

The guidance, we hope, will give you some assurances. Ofqual have stated that schools will use a range of data and evidence to support students' grades. Please be assured that we will draw on a wide range of evidence to show this. Also, you will not be disadvantaged if you did not complete or was not set any work after the schools closed. There will be no requirement for you to complete any additional work or separate assessment for your grade.

It is important that you do not ask schools to share their grades with you. Schools will have to adhere to the Ofqual guidance which specifically states that schools should not disclose grades. We have to adhere to this in order to protect the integrity of the examination system.

This guidance relates to GCSE, AS and A level qualifications and further guidance will be issued regarding vocational and technical qualifications as soon as it is available.

Please also be assured that students' grades this year will have equal status with universities, colleges and employers to help our young people move on to the next stage in their lives.

We are extremely privileged in our school to work alongside such wonderful students. They are indeed a credit to their parents and carers. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us in educating and caring for them and thank you for the important role you play in supporting schools.

Please do keep safe and well.

Kind regards

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