



20th March 2020

Dear parent / carer,

RE: YEAR 11 GRADE INFORMATION

After what has been a very turbulent week, firstly, can I comment on how exceptionally proud we are of how Year 11 have conducted themselves. They have been an absolute credit to staff, yourselves and Woodham Academy.

We have had an update from the government regarding how grades will be allocated to students for the hard work that they have put into their GCSE studies. The Government have reiterated that their main priority is ensuring that students can move on as planned to the next stage of their lives. Students will be awarded a 'calculated grade' which will be based on teachers' judgements and what teachers think that students would have received if the exams had gone ahead. To do this, they have asked teachers to take into account a range of evidence and data including prior performance. The exam boards will then combine this and students KS2 SATs scores, to produce a student's 'calculated grade'.

I have had a few questions regarding what the qualifications will look like and in what format. We have been reassured by the DFE that students' results will be no different to those gained by students in previous years. Should they wish to, students will have an opportunity to sit an exam at the earliest opportunity, once schools are open again, however, just to emphasise, there is NO requirement for this to happen.

As a result of today's announcement, there is no expectation of Y11 students to complete work set by teachers.

Please keep an eye on the school website for further updates regarding results.

Thanks and stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A.P. Bell'.

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