

6th April 2020
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Dear Year 11 Families,

Re: COVID-19 Update – Examination Results Summer 2020

I hope you managed to have a lovely weekend!

As mentioned in my letter on Friday morning, we have now had the time to go through the documentation published on how grades will be calculated this year and decide what this means for Burton Borough School.

I am sure that families will understand that the process in which our staff decide which grades to award your child needs to be ethical and fair. In addition, as Head of Centre, I need to be able to confirm that what we are submitting as a school is a true representation of our students' performance. The decisions we have made ensure that we are confident as a centre that we are following the published guidelines and that as a Pathfinder of the Ethical Leadership Framework, we continue to uphold the standards and values that are important to us. Our decisions are as follows:

- Burton Borough School **will not be taking into consideration any work that was completed after school closure on 20th March 2020.** Teachers will use the work completed in school as their evidence base when making their decision of a grade.
- As mentioned in previous correspondence, any **mock papers that were completed in school** that students have taken home **should be returned to their teacher via email** so that it can be used as part of the evidence.
- **Any mock papers (or any other work) completed after 20th March will not be taken into consideration.** We understand that departments will have set work following this date – unfortunately, teachers will not be able to use it when determining which grades should be awarded.
- Once teachers have made their decisions on grades, these will **not** be shared with students or families. This is because the grades awarded will be moderated by the respective examination boards.

Please do not pressure our staff into issuing a certain grade. Unfortunately, I have been informed that we have already had some families contacting staff individually about this. Our staff will be using their professional judgement and the work your child has produced during their time with us.

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If your child would like to continue producing work and ask their teacher to comment on it, this is still possible. However, all **teachers have been told that scores/grades/marks should not be given**. Please also remember that we are now entering what would usually be the Easter holidays so staff are not expected to work during this time although many will choose to, and school is still open to key worker children and vulnerable children.

I understand that for many of you, this situation is very unsettling, and you will be feeling worried. I would like to reassure families that from the guidance we have been given, grades awarded in Summer 2020 will carry the same weight as grades from any other year and that Burton Borough School staff are well qualified in making the correct judgements of your child's ability – they know your children incredibly well!

I hope you manage to enjoy the sunshine this week (while taking social distancing measures into consideration of course!) and I thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Krissi Carter
Principal



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