



Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy

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RE: GCSE Examination update

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 pupils,

The Department of Education have now released information regarding GCSE examinations. They have stated that the exam regulator, Ofqual, and exam boards will work with teachers to provide grades to pupils whose exams have been cancelled this summer.

Exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their pupils best, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe pupils would have received if exams had gone ahead. To produce this, teachers will consider a range of evidence. We are waiting for clear guidance which will be provided to schools to ensure this is done fairly and robustly. Exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each pupil, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in. The aim is for the Department of Education to provide these calculated grades to pupils before the end of July.

The Department of Education have guaranteed that the grades awarded will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years so pupils are not disadvantaged because of these extraordinary circumstances. Furthermore, they have also stated that there will be an option for Year 11 pupils to sit an exam early in the next academic year for those who wish to do so, should they feel the grade awarded, based on the Department of Education's calculation, does not reflect their ability. These exams, whatever they may be, are optional. For those who want to complete these, we suggest you continue your studies as normal.

We are committed to ensuring that pupils at Ian Ramsey CE Academy achieve the best possible results in these unprecedented times. Work for pupils to complete will be available via the Academy website for all subjects. Past papers are available via the Academy website and clicking on RESOURCES and then the FOLDR link. For maths and science, Hegarty Maths and MyGCSE Science can also be used to access and practice exam questions. Pupils can submit any responses to their teacher for assessment or feedback via email. We recommend pupils take this opportunity as a way of continuing to provide teachers evidence to support the overall assessment grades they will be asked to submit.

We will continue to share any new information that is given to us, as it is released, and the actions we are taking to support our pupils.

May we also take this opportunity to thank both you, and your child(ren), for the way you have responded so supportively to this situation. We will ensure that the best interests of all our pupils are fully represented in future decisions when they are requested of us.

If you have any queries, please contact enquires@ianramsey.org.uk and we will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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