



Beths Grammar School

an 11-18 selective school with academy status

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For the attention of all Parents of Year 11 and 13 students

Dear Parents/Carers

Following a significant number of emails to my staff over the weekend regarding inflating predicted grades, I am writing to you formally to request this practice ceases.

A decision was made last week to cancel formal examinations at GCSE and A Level in the coming May and June Exams Season. The Government then revealed proposals as to how grades would be calculated in the absence of such formal assessments.

The Government and Exam Boards are still in discussion regarding how the final grades will be determined. Teacher Assessment is only one part of the process and I have every confidence that my staff have been highly professional in reaching their judgements.

I must therefore insist that my staff are not contacted either by students or their parents to plead their case for an increase in grade predictions. Staff have been instructed not to reply to any such requests.

Moreover, as Head of Centre, I have a moral duty to ensure that all grades are consistent and are based upon evidence provided across the entire duration of the course and my staff have taken all formal and non-formal assessment into account when making their judgements.

Yours faithfully

RJBlyghton

Mr R J Blyghton
Headteacher