



# Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 and 13 students

As you are no doubt aware the summer exam session for both A Level and GCSE has been cancelled.

Yesterday, the Secretary for Education announced that teacher assessments would replace examinations as the method for determining grades. This will be similar to the process used last year by the school.

We are now awaiting on further guidance from Ofqual and the DfE about the processes they will put in place to support schools.

We appreciate that this may cause concern and potential anxiety for some who feel they have not yet had the chance to demonstrate as much progress as they would like this year. Please be assured that students will have plenty of chances to demonstrate this over the coming months. As we did last year, teacher assessments will be holistic and will be drawn from a wide range of assessment and data sources. No single test will determine the final grade awarded to your son/daughter.

Until more information is available we ask that everyone focusses on what we can control. Students should ensure they are attending all their remote lessons, completing all work and revising their subjects thoroughly. This will allow them to be in the best possible position for any future assessments, whatever format that may take.

We ask that parents and students do not interrogate staff about any potential grades that may be awarded. They are not in a position to answer this at the moment. The guidance provided by Ofqual in 2020 was that teacher assessments were confidential right up to the point of Results Day in August and could only be challenged afterwards on the grounds of a genuine inputting mistake or proving serious malpractice in the calculation of the said grades. Whilst this position hasn't been announced, it should give you an idea of what you should possibly expect.

Yours faithfully

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