



28th April 2020

Ref Examinations and Qualifications for Year 13

Dear Parent/ Carer

I am writing to provide further clarification regarding the guidance for Year 13. The last letter covered the entire examination and qualification guidance for all year groups.

All AS students will receive an AS grade in summer 2020. The grade awarded will be based on a range of evidence and will be referred to as a Centre Assessed Grade. The Centre Assessed Grade will not contribute to the overall A-Level result in 2021.

As outlined by the published examinations guidance, students will have two options in summer 2021;

- **Option 1**
If a student chooses to only sit the required A2 Units, then their outcomes will be calculated by the examination board using a statistical calculation based only on their performance in the A2 examination.
- **Option 2**
If a student chooses to sit both AS and A2 examinations in summer 2021, they will be awarded a grade based on these results, or whichever is the best grade.

The published document regarding this Examinations and Qualifications Guidance can be found at:

https://ccea.org.uk/downloads/docs/ccea-asset/Examinations/Guidance%20document%20for%20Heads%20of%20Centres_4.pdf

We are still awaiting further clarification regarding these two options and are therefore planning that this very important decision will be made next year. Choosing the best option for your daughter will require clarity of OFQUAL guidance, discussion with class teachers and the input of your daughter. We anticipate that each individual student may choose different options for different courses; depending on the course. Whatever decision is made it will be in line with the examination regulatory body OFQUAL's regulations, taken at a time when there is more clarity and made with sound advice from the exams officer and class teachers.





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Students will make the final decision; however, we want it to be an informed decision that ultimately does not disadvantage your daughter.

It is very important that Year 13 students continue to work until the end of the term. Typically, AS courses are only 40% of the overall qualification grade and teachers will begin to teach the start of A2 (Year 14 work – 60% of the course) in May / June. This work will not be covered again and non-completion will lead to significant gaps in A2 work, which may reduce attainment.

These are very challenging times for our students. I want to reassure them that they need not worry as we will guide them through this process in due course.

Yours sincerely

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