



30th June 2020

Dear parents of students in Year 11

I would like to update you on the position we are now in regarding GCSE and other grades this summer.

Teachers of Year 11 students have worked hard together to make fair and objective assessments of the grades they predict students would have achieved had they been able to sit exams this summer. They have also ranked students within these grades.

These centre assessed grades have been submitted to the examination boards who are now processing the results of all schools. The exam boards are following rules established by the qualifications regulator, Ofqual, to ensure that students receiving their grades this summer are treated fairly in comparison with previous years.

We will receive calculated grades from the exam boards in August and students will receive these on the usual results days. Each school will make its own arrangements for this process.

At Excalibur we are confident that the judgements of our teachers, moderated by the processes used by the examination boards will give all our students the grades they need to move on to the next stage of their education or to employment. The process is as fair as it can be in the circumstances, but we recognise there may be some students who are disappointed. Ofqual have proposed a very limited appeals process for schools, if there appears to have been an error in the data used to determine final grades. Individual students can ask the school to check that the correct centre assessed grade and rank were submitted, but a student has no right of appeal to the exam board.

For those few students who have not secured the grades they need for their chosen path, we expect there to be an opportunity to resit examinations in the autumn term, with GCSE exams in November. We do not currently have details, but we would expect to be able to provide more information when results are published.

Thank you for the patience you have shown over the last three months. We recognise how difficult it has been for students not to have had the opportunity to take the exams for which they were preparing. We look forward to celebrating with students and with you their successes in August and proudly seeing them move on.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicky Edmondson'.

Nicky Edmondson
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