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Dear Parents and Carers

Further Update on Summer Examinations and Coursework

Following on from my letter dated 23 March, I wish to outline the current government guidance that we have received regarding GCSE, BTEC, A and AS Level Examinations for Summer 2020.

Detailed guidance from the DFE has been enclosed with this letter and I want to reassure all students and parents that we will be working as a team on this to ensure all students receive grades that have been carefully considered and are the most likely grade the students would have achieved if they had sat their examinations this summer.

The following covers all GCSE, AS-Level, A-Level and EPQ; unfortunately guidance regarding BTECs is still to be confirmed.

Key announcements from today

- Schools are being asked to provide a grade to the exam board called the “centre assessment grade”. This grade must reflect a fair, reasonable and carefully considered judgement of the most likely grade a student would have achieved if they had sat their exams this summer and completed any non-exam assessment.
- NEA (coursework) is not required to be completed.
- Any completed or incomplete NEA (coursework) will feed into the centre assessment grade provided to the exam board.
- There is no requirement for students to complete additional work/homework tasks to evidence their centre assessment grade.
- There will be a process of checking and moderation by the exam board to ensure fairness and consistency.

Special Considerations

There will be no formal special considerations process this year. However, schools will consider individual student circumstances within the centre assessment grade.

Judgements will reflect how the student would have performed under ordinary circumstances. Where SEND condition, illness or other personal circumstances might have affected performance, we will consider this when making our judgements.

Can I ask that parents and students refrain from contacting individual staff regarding their centre assessment grade. Ofqual have stated that staff should not discuss the process with parents or students to “protect the integrity of the teachers’ judgements, and to avoid teachers, Heads of Department or Heads of Centre feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence”.

If you have any further questions please contact me by email: jpeacock@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Peacock', written in a cursive style.

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