

27th March 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer Examinations for Year 11 students

As you will know, the Government has now updated its advice following the cancellation of this summer's GCSE and A level examinations.

In essence:

- Examination boards will ask teachers to submit their judgement (using such information as the mock examinations and non-examination assessments) on the grade that they believe a student would have attained if the exams had gone ahead.
- The exam boards will look at these judgements alongside other data including the students' prior attainment and the national distribution of examination grades in previous years.

From this process, students will be awarded a "calculated grade", by the end of this academic year.

Students will have the right to appeal against the grade awarded or to sit the examination once schools re-open. There will also be an option to take an exam early in the next academic year for students who wish to.

The full article can be read here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>

In the meantime, we believe that the key message for you to give to your child is that we want you to treat the next few months as if you are preparing for the examinations. The school will support your child (and keep an eye on them!) as much as we can in helping them to prepare.

I don't think that we can over-message the fact that students will have the opportunity to sit an examination, though some students may choose not to.

To support you in this process, from Monday there will be revision materials and support with on-line learning. These will be found on the Academy website here:

<https://www.oasisacademybrislington.org/curriculum/school>

Once the awarding process is underway, our teachers will ensure that the calculated grades awarded "accurately reflect the work that students have put in." As a school, we will be doing all that we can to ensure that this year's process is as fair and equitable as it possibly can be given the exceptionally challenging context.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact the academy if you have any questions or further thoughts regarding the contents of this letter.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard James'.

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