

Dear Parent/Guardian,

There has been further guidance provided by the Government on how Year 11 students will be awarded their GCSE grades this year. The information which has been provided can be found on the link below but please find a summary of the guidance and the next steps for our year 11 students.

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

- Predicated grades will not be used for awarding students but Ofqual will develop a fair and robust process that considers a broad range of evidence, including teacher assessment, non-exam assessment, mock results and prior attainment.
- The exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.
- The approach will be standardised between schools and colleges
- The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July.
- If a student does not believe the correct process has been followed in their case they will be able to appeal on that basis and will have the opportunity to sit an exam, as soon as is reasonably possible after schools reopen.
- Ofqual will consider carefully how to ensure the process is as fair as possible, which is likely to include considering measures that reflect how much progress a student would have been likely to have made at the school they are attending.
- Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021.

Based on the guidance above, there will be an opportunity to sit formal exams once schools reopen if students are not satisfied with their calculated grades. In addition to this there will also be an option to sit their GCSE exams in the summer of 2021.

Planning for post 16 provision and career guidance

All students in year 11 have already had a post 16/careers interview with our career's advisor Mr Patel. If you have any further questions or require any additional support, Mr Patel is available to answer any queries via email on s.patel@cartonbolling.co.uk