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Dear Parents/Carers,

Process for GCSE Grading Summer 2020

You will have seen from national media coverage that the Government have now released information regarding how Year 11 scholars will receive their GCSE grades this summer. The Government have created a process that aims to be fair to young people and to make sure they are not disadvantaged in their progress to sixth form, college, or apprenticeships because of these unprecedented conditions. The school will do everything we can to ensure our scholars receive the grades they deserve.

Examination boards have asked schools to submit a '*centre assessed grade*' for each scholar in each subject. The centre assessed grade will have two parts:

1. The grade they believe scholars were most likely to achieve if teaching, learning, and exams took place as planned; this includes an indication of how hard they were working at the point of closure and the likelihood of further progress from the spring mock examination.
2. Within each subject, the order of scholars at AGFS, by performance, for each grade. The exam boards will use this information to standardise judgements – allowing fine tuning of the standard applied across the country.

In sending this information to examination boards, the school will consider a range of factors, such as:

- Scholars' classwork
- Quality of independent learning tasks
- Results from all mock examinations completed
- Results from in-class assessments
- Non-exam assessments or coursework
- Scholars' general progress during their course

The government have made it clear that Year 11 scholars were not expected to continue to work on coursework or non-examined assessment once schools closed and so any work produced after 29th March will not be considered in the production of the centre assessed grade.

The above information will allow exam boards to standardise grades across schools and colleges, to make sure that results are fair. **The centre assessed grade is a recommendation to examination boards and not the final grade students receive. The final grade issued could therefore be different to the one sent to examination boards by the school.**

The centre assessed grade produced by the school will be **strictly confidential** and will not, under any circumstances, be shared with students or parents. Please do not ask members of staff or the school for your child's centre assessed grade or their position in the order of students. Examination boards will deem any sharing of the centre assessed grade as malpractice and could lead to disqualification.

The calculated grades issued this summer will be formal grades and will have the same status as grades awarded in any other year. There may be an opportunity for students to sit the formal examination for each



subject in the autumn term, but the logistics for this have not yet been confirmed. The school will share this information with parents as soon as we receive it.

GCSE results will be published on Thursday 20th August, as originally planned and more information on the arrangements for this day will be issued in due course. Receiving results on this day will enable the process of progression to post-16 provision to take place in the normal way.

Please continue to reassure your child that the process for issuing grades this summer is secure and robust. If you have any questions about this process, please contact me via email (dmacpherson@arkgreenwich.org) in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

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