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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school we recognise that this time is extremely stressful and are endeavouring to keep you updated with the current process. Ms Howarth will be communicating generally with the school and each Key Stage leader will attempt to provide an update when relevant information becomes available.

Since the initial announcement that exams are cancelled there has been no further official updates. After reading through the literature on the topic the Government is currently suggesting that the process broadly outlined below will take place to award grades in GCSE.

With regards to BTEC and iMedia courses students have already sat external assessments so we suspect BTEC and OCR iMedia grades maybe awarded in a slightly different way.

Overview of the awarding process currently suggested.

Stage One	Ofqual are discussing with exam boards about how grades can be awarded. Feedback is being provided to Ofqual by various teacher organisations
Stage Two	Ofqual will issue guidance to schools and ask for a teacher assessment based on evidence. Evidence is likely to include coursework and in school assessment.
Stage Three	Ofqual and the exam boards will use the information provided by schools and also other sources of information to generate a grade. They have suggested that in their calculations they will try and ensure the same distribution of grades will broadly match last year
Stage Four	Grades are issued to students approximately at the end of July.
Stage Five	Students will be able to appeal their grade.
Stage Six	Students will have the opportunity to sit an examination at the earliest opportunity in the next academic year.

Known issues

It is not clear how Ofqual will ask teachers to provide information. It has been suggested that mock grades will form part of this assessment. However, as published in the national media mock grades are not the final grades and are not standardised across schools. The school is aware of this issue and is awaiting Ofqual guidance.

Not all students will have handed in or completed all their coursework. Ofqual and the exam boards are expected to issue further guidance on this.



What your son could be doing now to support the process?

If your son has completed any coursework but has not submitted this to their class teacher they should do so on Fronter as soon as possible. This will ensure teachers have as much evidence as possible to provide feedback to the exam boards.

Check Fronter on a daily basis for any updates from his class teachers.

What should they be doing now?

It is important that students try and maintain a routine and continue to complete some study. We appreciate that in the current climate this may be difficult.

Students should continue to use the revision resources supplied. If they do not do this and are then disappointed with the grade awarded, they are putting themselves in a weaker position should they choose to retake the exam in the next academic year. In addition to this most 6th Forms run a probation period in the first few weeks to ensure students are on the correct course. During this period various assessments will take place and your son will be in a stronger position if he continues to study in the subjects he has chosen.

In order to try and make their learning more relevant we are also asking class teachers to upload some 6th Form transitional work on Fronter. We recommend that students review the areas they are likely to study in order to prepare them for next year.

The following websites are also available to help support their learning and in some instances these support post 16 learning eg mymaths.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school. However, please be aware we are operating with a "skeleton" staff so responses maybe slightly delayed.

Yours faithfully,

Brendan Gormally
Associate Headteacher



Subjects	Name of Software	How to Access	Contact if difficulties are experienced.
Maths, English Language, English Literature, All Sciences, Geography, History, RE, Computer Science, French, German, GCSE PE, DT GCSE, GCSE Drama	GCSE Pod https://www.gcsepod.com/ App is compatible with both I phone and Android. Free to download	Students have individual logins which they have personally set. A forgotten password retrieval service is available.	Tutors, Heads of Year or Mr Gormally
English Language English Literature	Doddle https://www.doddlelearn.co.uk/app/login App available	Students have their own username and password	English Teachers
Science	Collins Connect for Science https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/defaultlogin.aspx	Students have their own username and password	Science Teachers or Ms Nash
French &, German	Linguascope: https://www.linguascope.com/ Use the intermediate level for GCSE	Username: rutlishmfl / Password: languages 2019	MFL Teacher
French & German	This is Language https://www.thisislanguages.com/	Individual student log ins	MFL Teacher
Maths GCSE	My Maths https://login.mymaths.co.uk/	Generic log in User name: Rutlish Password: Square Students also have personal accounts	Maths Teachers
Additional Maths (FSMQ)	Integral Maths www.integralmaths.org	Individual accounts for additional maths students only	Maths teacher or Mrs Mills

