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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

RE: Summer 2021 Exam series at Notre Dame

As you know, following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the UK government has decided that the summer 2021 exam series will not go ahead as planned. Instead, teachers will determine your grades, based upon a range of evidence verified by the college. These results will then be reviewed by the exam boards who designed each course, before awarding the final grades which reflect your performance on content you have been taught, and allow you to confidently progress to the next stage of your education or into employment.

The College will follow the guidance as outlined by JCQ and Ofqual. The following JCQ document published Friday 26th March 2021 is for your information and can be accessed [here](#).

This document will provide you with an overview of the most important information that you and your parents or carers need to know about how grades will be awarded this summer. This includes a timeline of what is happening and when; how teachers and the College will determine your grades; and when you will receive your results.

Please note: This guidance is to provide you with an overview. Please do not ask your teachers or other members of staff for further details, they are not allowed to discuss this with you.

I now have to write a detailed plan in the form of a Centre Policy, of how we will follow the JCQ guidance. This has to be approved by JCQ before we can follow a plan. It is anticipated that this will take place late April. Once this is approved I will share the Centre Policy and the quality assurance plan with you. At this point if you have questions and/or need further details, we should be able to answer you.

Also for your information: Your teacher will make the final judgement about what evidence is to be included – this is NOT a negotiation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to stress with you the need for confidentiality as stipulated by JCQ, Ofqual and the DfE. At no stage can there be a discussion of individual grades between any member of the College staff and any student or parent or carer until the grades are finally released on Thursday August 12th.

Please keep looking at our [website](#) for the latest updates.

Yours sincerely,

Justine Barlow
Principal