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Dear Parents,

RE: Summer 2020 Exam series at Notre Dame

I appreciate that there are anxieties around the exams and qualifications to be awarded this summer, please be assured that as information is released by both Ofqual and the Department for Education I am passing this on to you and the students.

This letter is to provide further information regarding how we will be asked to award grades and vocational qualifications which were due to be sat and/or completed this summer 2020.

We are following the guidance provided by Ofqual and the Department for Education which I sent out to all students in March. The link to the information is [here](#).

Their aim and ours is to ensure students can receive grades in their qualifications so they can progress to the next stages of their lives without further disruption; that the grades will be as valued as those of any other year and the approach will be fair.

As a College we will have to use our professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade we believe a student would have achieved had they sat their exams this year. We have been asked to ensure we take into account the full range of available evidence when grading students - including non-exam assessment; the results of any homework assignments or mock exams; and any other records of student performance over the course of study.

As a College we have agreed that the evidence in scope will be the available evidence up to and including Friday 20th March 2020.

Please note: It is for this reason that I need to stress the need for confidentiality as stipulated by Ofqual and the DfE in this process. Therefore there will be no discussion of individual grades between any member of the College and the students or parents/carers until grades are released on results day.

For your information: Results day for A Level and Vocational qualifications will be Thursday 13th August 2020. Please keep looking at our [website](#) for the latest updates.

Yours sincerely,

Justine Barlow