

17th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope all is well with you and your family, and that you are finding the school's contact and support useful at this challenging time.

You may be aware that on Friday 3rd April Ofqual outlined in more detail the steps that would be taken to award qualification grades to Year 11 pupils this year. This information currently applies to all qualifications that were to be awarded in summer 2020.

The link to the full document outlining the details of the process can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>.

Exam boards will be contacting schools after Easter asking them to submit, by a deadline that will be no earlier than 29th May 2020, the following:

- An assessment grade for every pupil in each of their subjects: that is, the grade they would be most likely to have achieved if they had sat their exams and completed any non-exam assessment. Judgements should balance different sources of evidence such as:
 - classwork
 - bookwork
 - any participation in performances in subjects such as music, drama or PE
 - any non-exam assessment – whether or not complete
 - the results of any assignments or mock exams
 - previous examination results – for example, for any re-sitting pupils or those with relevant AS qualifications
 - any other records of pupil performance over the course of study
- The assessment grades from all schools and colleges will be collated by Ofqual and placed in a standardising model.
- The outcome of this will be the grade awarded to pupils, no later than the usual results days in August.

It is important to note that as a school we are not allowed, under any circumstances to share assessments grades or rank order of pupils with pupils or parents/carers.

We want to reassure pupils and parents/carers that we are committed to ensuring pupils leave with the recognition they deserve.

Progress Reports

You will be aware that your child recently sat their second series of internal mock GCSE examinations. The grade for these assessments can be found on the attached progress report. It is important to note that this will not be the sole source of information used for teacher assessments and will form part of the judgement.

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Year 11 - Preparing for Next Steps

We have been in contact with the Post 16 providers that we know Year 11's have applied to. They are at various stages of providing resources via their website for pupils to be using to prepare themselves for their Post 16 courses. Please check the Post 16 provider of your choice weekly to see if they have uploaded resources.

It is expected that Post 16 providers will be using the grades awarded by Ofqual to determine admissions for the next academic year, alongside the usual interview process and request for school to provide a reference.

For those pupils who are seeking employment opportunities for their Post 16 pathway, we will continue to offer the support and guidance they need to prepare for this effectively.

We do not underestimate how difficult a time this has been and remains to be for those pupils who were preparing for their summer examinations. The learning that they have undertaken and their hard work will be key in helping them successfully transition to their next steps and will support the grade they will be awarded – albeit in a different manner to how we were all expecting.

For any support with your son/daughter on Post 16 destinations, please contact Mr Dunford on year11support@carrmanor.org.uk.

We hope you and your family are keeping safe and well.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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