

23 March 2020

Dear Parents

Key Points relating to GCSE results (following the Government's announcement)

Introduction

1. The GCSE exams this May-June have been cancelled.
2. The Government is aiming for grades to still be awarded to your son for all the qualifications he has been taking. They aim to:
 - provide these grades by the end of July
 - ensure that the grades reflect fairly the work put in.

How will they produce the grades?

1. They will ask teachers to make a judgement about the grade they believe would have achieved if they had sat the exams. This judgement will take into account any mock results as well as any non-examined assessment you have completed. (in the case of BTEC's it will take into account assignments)
2. They will then combine the judgements made by your teachers with other data which is available on students (e.g. Key Stage 2 SATs results where these are available).
3. Both sets of information will then be used to calculate your son's final grade in each subject.

What happens if I am not happy with the grade I am awarded?

1. Students will be able to appeal if it is thought that the grade awarded is too low.
2. They will also be able sit an exam 'at the earliest opportunity' in each subject if they are still unhappy with the grade (the timing of this will depend on when the virus outbreak is contained and things return to 'normal'.)
3. Students will also be able to sit their exams in summer 2021.

Things to note:

1. We are unsure from the Government's document how many exams will need to be taken in each subject if you decide to sit them 'at the earliest opportunity' or in summer 2021.
2. These proposals are not fully clear, but more details are going to be released soon.

It is important that your son:-

- Complete all your assignments and assessment to the highest standard and submits them to his class teacher for marking as soon as possible
- Keep all mock exam PPE papers, exercise books and internal assessments and tests. These may be needed by his teachers to support their judgement.

If you have concerns over what your son is going to do next year, email careers@ntc.kent.sch.uk for support.

Yours sincerely



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