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Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to confirm the details of how grades will be determined for our students in Year 11 this summer.

As I am sure you will be aware, following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the UK government decided that the Summer 2021 examination series could not go ahead as planned. Instead, schools were asked determine students' grades based upon a range of verified evidence. These grades will be reviewed by the exam boards who designed each qualification before they award final grades that reflect students' performance on the content that they have been taught.

For Vocational and Technical Qualifications (such as BTECs and Cambridge Nationals) we will use all assessed elements of each course that students have attempted to determine their grade (even if some of these were not fully finished).

For GCSE courses, we have decided which assessments will be used to determine students' grades and a list of these assessments can be accessed on the school website or via the link below:

- [Harper Green School: Sources of Evidence](#)

In each of these assessments, reasonable adjustments (also known as access arrangements) will have been put in place for students who were entitled to them. If any of the assessments were completed without these reasonable adjustments, teachers will take this into account when determining a grade. If you have any concerns about the sources of evidence we have chosen or feel that your child would be unfairly disadvantaged by any of these assessments, please email Exams2021@harpergreen.net before Friday 4th June 2021.

The full policy that the school will use to determine grades for our students, along with guidance documents for students and parents that have been produced by Ofqual and the JCQ, can be accessed on the school website or via the links below:

- [Harper Green School: Centre Policy](#)
- [JCQ: Guidance for students, parents and guardians: Summer 2021](#) • [Ofqual: Student guide to awarding summer 2021](#)

We would like to reassure all students, and their parents that every effort has been made to make sure that all students receive the grades that they deserve in each of their qualifications. The grades that we determine will be subject to extensive internal and external quality assurance processes to make sure that they are a fair, valid and reliable reflection of the assessed evidence available for each student.

Schools are not allowed to share grades with students, or their parents, until the official results days in the summer. For students in Year 11, results will be issued on Thursday 12th August. On Thursday 12th, students can collect their results in person from school from 9am but we will write to you again nearer the time to confirm the exact arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R. Beattie
(Associate Deputy Headteacher)