



Dear parents/carers and students,

I hope that you and your family are keeping well, and are adapting to new ways of living, learning and entertaining yourselves at home in these unprecedented and challenging times.

In way of update, since my last letter, the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) have now released guidance on how GCSE, AS and A-level grades will be awarded this summer. The following links will take you to this guidance. It includes two guidance documents and a letter to students:

[Summer 2020 grade guidance for Students, Parents and Carers](#)

[Summer 2020 grade guidance](#)

[Letter to students](#)

As a CLF Academy we will follow this guidance closely and fairly in order to award 'Centre Assessment Grades', which will then be standardised by Ofqual. This process will be confidential and it is important to note that **legally we are not allowed to confirm any grades to any students or parents/carers in advance of them being 'officially awarded' in Summer 2020:**

*For every GCSE subject, exam boards will require each school, college or other exam centre to submit the following information:*

- *a centre assessment grade for each student – the judgement submitted to the exam board by the Head of Centre about the grade that each student is most likely to have achieved if they had sat their exams. This professional judgement is derived from evidence held within the centre and which has been reviewed by subject teachers and relevant heads of department*
- *the rank order of students within each grade – for example, for all those students with a grade of 5 in GCSE maths a rank order where 1 is the most secure/highest attaining student, and so on...*

(Guidance: Summer 2020 grades for GCSE, AS and A level, Extended Project Qualification and Advanced Extension Award in maths, Ofqual)

As highlighted in the guidance documents it is important to note that the 'centre assessment grade' for each subject is derived from several pieces of data and professional judgement. It is **not** purely mock exams or previous predicted grades (though these will of course form part of the evidence base). Again, we must highlight that we **cannot** confirm any centre assessment grade to any student prior to the official summer release date.

Following this process, results are likely to be issued no later than the traditional August window, if not earlier. In order to gain more detailed information and insight into this process, do take the time to read through the guidance documents and letter to students published by Ofqual - you are likely to find answers to questions you might have within these materials.

In order to support our students to prepare for study at Post 16 and beyond, we will continue sharing valuable Home Learning resources and useful information/updates via our website, text message and email. With this





said, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that we have several Post 16 provisions across the CLF and that we would welcome applications from you. As you are currently in our CLF Year 11, we will be in a position to confirm a place. We will send out more detail on the courses that are available in the coming weeks (more information about CLF Post 16 courses and transition work is attached) and further information is available on our CLF websites:

Boomstasuma – <https://www.boomsatsuma.education/>

CLF Post 16 – <https://www.clfpost16.org/>

Digitech Studio School - <https://digitechstudioschool.co.uk/>

Winterstoke Hundred Academy – <https://winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk/>

If you have not yet secured a place with a Post 16 provider, please read through the documents that Mr Holmes has shared with you via your school email, and contact him if you have further questions or queries in this regard ([tim.holmes@clf.uk](mailto:tim.holmes@clf.uk))

Here is some guidance from the CLF – <http://bristolmet.bristol.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/LettersHome/For%20Year%2011%20-%20GETTING%20READY%20FOR%20POST16%20-%20APR2020.pdf>

If you have any questions or queries following your reading of the guidance documents and letter to students published by Ofqual, please lodge them at [info@bristolmet.net](mailto:info@bristolmet.net) and we'll do our best to answer them as quickly as possible.

Lastly, a reminder that orders for Leavers Hoodies must be placed with Initially Yours by or before Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. This is the link to their website:  
[http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk/schools/bristol\\_metropolitan\\_academy/leaver\\_hoodies.htm](http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk/schools/bristol_metropolitan_academy/leaver_hoodies.htm)

Students, if you need to get in touch about anything else, please contact your tutor in the first instance via email. If you need to communicate with me directly, then contact me via email ([natasha.williams@clf.uk](mailto:natasha.williams@clf.uk)). Updates will follow so please visit our website and check you emails regularly.

In the meantime, take care and stay safe

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