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Dear Student,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe during these unusual times and that you are doing your bits in your homes to ensure things run as smoothly as possible!

As you may be aware the Government has issued guidance to school in regard to how your grades will be issued.

A link to the full guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>

In summary, your teachers will allocate you a grade they believe you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned. This grade will be based on the information they have on your progress, up to the date in which we closed.

Those grades will be submitted to the exam board, who will standardise grades across schools and colleges, to make sure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged because their schools or colleges are more generous or harsh than others when making those judgements. That means the final grade you get could be different from the one your school or college sends to the exam board.

The attached letter is from OFQUAL, who organise the issuing of exams and explains some question you may have; however, I'd like to draw your attention to the following parts:

"Can I see the grades my school or college submits for me?"

*No, this information will be confidential. **Please don't ask your teachers, or anyone else at your school or college, to tell you the grades they will be sending to the exam boards** or where they have placed you in the order of students; they will not be allowed to share this with you.*

Can I take my exams another time?

We are working with exam boards to offer additional exams in the autumn term as soon as it is possible to do so. We'll let you know about these in the coming weeks."

Whilst the letter confirms that we are not required to set you work to inform the issuing of grades, our position remains the same that the setting of work to support the completion of your courses is a supportive step to help you be successful in your transition to Post 16 courses.

We will write to you again once we know how you will receive your results, however in the meantime, please keep safe and vigilant and mindful that this is not going to last forever.

Take care,

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