

Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear students, parents and carers,

We are writing to give you an update regarding the awarding of final grades for this summer following the cancellation of all GCSE, AS and A Level exams. We are acutely aware that this has been an incredibly anxious and confusing time for you all. The entire school community is very proud of how all our examination students worked this year and we know how important these final examinations were to you and your families. When we return following the Easter holiday we will publish a reading list to support you in the next stages of your studies. This will give you some structure and opportunity for forward planning.

On Friday 3rd April we received the first guidance on how final examination grades will be awarded. We have attached the Ofqual letter to students, along with the guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers. You can also find these important documents on the school website and by using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

Your teachers and Subject Leaders at Tapton will be working together to ensure that the grades they submit are the fairest they can be. Tapton School Academy Trust will provide support through our IT and assessment teams to enable teachers to work through this process in a robust manner. We will ensure that the guidance is followed accurately at all stages.

The guidance has made it very clear that we should not be asking you for further submission of work including any Non-Examined Assessments (NEA) which are still outstanding. If we do require anything further, we will contact you.

Your teachers are now receiving the initial instructions for the awarding of grades. If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, please now direct them to the following email address exams@taptonschool.co.uk. To ensure the integrity of the process, please do not direct any questions to your teachers or Subject Leaders. Whilst they will certainly want to support you and respond, they will be unable to give you any specific information.

As soon as we receive any further information we will continue to communicate this through our normal channels including the school website and MCAS. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We hope you and your family remain safe and well during these times.

Yours sincerely

Kat Rhodes



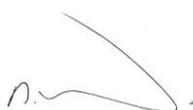
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