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Dear Parent/Carer,

As many of you will have seen, the Department for Education have now provided further detail around how students will be awarded grades this summer. Below are the key points from the press release published on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

- Students will receive grades awarded and determined by teachers, with pupils only assessed on what they have been taught.
- Teachers will be able to draw on a range of evidence when determining grades, including the optional use of questions provided by exam boards, as well as mock exams, coursework, or other work completed as part of a pupil's course, such as essays or in-class tests.
- To support teachers in making their judgements, exam boards will provide detailed guidance before the end of the spring term.
- Teachers will submit grades to exam boards by 18 June.
- Students studying vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs) will also receive grades assessed by teachers rather than sitting exams.
- Results days for GCSE, A level and some vocational qualifications will take place in the week of 9 August – moved forward from the week of the 23 August.
- Every student will have the right to appeal their grade.

We are pleased with this announcement as we know that it will allow us the opportunity to fairly award students with the grades they deserve and those which reflects their knowledge, skills and understanding of what has been taught.

We will await further guidance from exam boards after which we will be working closely with teachers and curriculum leaders on putting in place robust systems to ensure we have the utmost confidence in the grades we provide. Once we have this guidance, teachers will ensure students are clear on what evidence will be used for each of their individual subjects. **In the meantime, we cannot stress enough how important it is that your child continues to put everything into engaging with their lessons and completing all learning tasks to the best of their ability.**

We look forward to seeing students back at QKA in the very near future when, we are certain, they will continue to show their character by grabbing this final opportunity to focus on ensuring they achieve the grades they deserve. Furthermore, we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with all parents and know, as always, we can count on your full support.

Yours sincerely

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