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Dear Upper Sixth Students, Parents and Guardians,

A Level Grades and Guided Distance Learning Programme

We write with more information about how A Level grades will be awarded this summer and to outline the Guided Distance Learning programme for the Upper Sixth up to Thursday 7th May 2020. This was the date when study leave would have normally commenced.

The government has announced that students will not simply be awarded predicted grades. Instead, Ofqual will be using a broad range of evidence, including non-exam assessments (coursework), mock results, and teacher assessments of the likely grade outcome at the end of the course. The latter is based on a teacher's judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead. All this information will be used by Ofqual to arrive at a calculated grade for each student.

The aim is to publish calculated grades to students before the end of July. In terms of a permanent record, the calculated grades will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years. Ofqual will also aim to ensure that the distribution of grades follows a similar pattern to that in other years, so that this year's students do not face a systematic disadvantage because of these extraordinary circumstances. If students feel their calculated grade does not reflect their performance, then there will be an opportunity to sit an exam, as soon as is reasonably possible after schools open again.

With this advice from the government in mind, we are writing to advise all Upper Sixth students that they should spend the Easter holiday completing coursework, where applicable. The final date to submit all non-exam assessments is Friday 24th April. Furthermore, given that Ofqual will be requesting teacher assessments of likely grade outcomes at the end of the course, students should maintain their academic momentum during the Easter break. This means students should spend time revisiting notes and completing practice papers for their subjects. This will enable them to be fully prepared for any further teacher assessments that may take place from the week beginning Monday 20th April up to the start of the original study leave date of Thursday May 7th 2020.

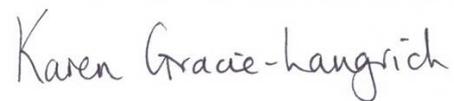
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From Monday 11th May 2020, we will move on to a programme of Guided Distance Learning that will prepare individual students for the next stage of their studies. For our Upper Sixth students, we are hoping to offer a range of opportunities including a 'Step Up' programme of Oxbridge-style tutorials in small groups. This will give a high level of challenge and engagement in the subject area students are preparing to study at university or pursue after Sixth Form. More information on the Guided Distance Learning programme will follow in due course.

Should you have any questions please do get in touch.



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