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Dear Year 11 students, parents and carers

I write with further information about the process and time-line of awarding grades for GCSE subjects this year. The content of this letter represent a summary of the Information and Guidance from the Examinations Regulatory authority (Ofqual). The Chief Regulator has provided a letter to students, some of which is repeated below. This can found at:-

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880613/Letter to students - Summer 2020 grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880613/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf)

Centre-Assessed Grades

This process has already begun because we are scrutinising the evidence that we will use to produce what we believe, as a centre, to be the grade that you would have been most likely to achieve in the summer exams. This grade will be decided using a range of evidence, and there will be input throughout the process from your teacher, from the Head of Department and from the Senior Leadership Team. We will aim to be as objective and fair as possible. It will include using information such as mock exam results, NEA (where relevant), classwork, homework and other information we consider to be relevant in arriving at the most likely grade you would have achieved. We will therefore consider appropriate evidence and our objective is to be as fair as possible. As part of this we have been asked to place each students in each subject in rank order. We will not share this information with you because Ofqual has instructed us not to do this, due to its obvious sensitivity.

Exam Board analysis

These grades will be submitted to the exam boards, who will use this information to award you a grade in each subject. They will look at other pieces of information, particularly past results in each subject and for the overall results for the school, as well as the information about Key Stage 2 exams for the year group as a whole. Do not worry if you did not take KS2 exams; the exam boards will work through this.

If the results appear for the subjects and for the school, according to the methodology of the exam boards, to be as they might be expected to (based on the exam boards' analysis), then we will be informed as such. However, if it is concluded that we have been too generous/too harsh, then they will ask for evidence and proof of our deliberations and

conclusions, which they may or may not accept. Hence we will work to be as rigorous, fair and consistent as possible as we carry out this work. Ultimately the exam boards reserve the right to change the grades we submit. Repeating the point above, we will not share with you the final grades that we submit to the boards.

Receiving the results

On August 20th 2020 you will receive your results. These will be treated in the same way as all those students who have taken exams before and who will take exams in the future. If you are unhappy with your result, you will be able to appeal (and we will inform you how to do this when we are told more about the process). You will also be able to sit exams in the autumn and we believe it will be possible to sit an exam next summer; further details will become available in due course.

If you have any questions about the process, please direct them to info@tpstrust.co.uk, writing GCSE grades and the student's name in the subject line of the e mail. These will be passed to the member of SLT on duty. Please may I remind you that you must not contact any member of staff directly about your centre-assessed grade.

Yours sincerely



M J Barratt
Principal