



Dear Parent

## **Examination Grades 2020**

Last Friday would have marked the final GCSE exam for most of our Year 11 pupils, but instead it was the deadline for schools to submit their Centre Assessed Grades. As 2020 is such a unique year for us all and there some media misinformation surrounding examination grades, I thought it would be a good time to write and update you on the grades pupils will receive in August.

### **Centre Assessed Grades and Ranks**

These are the judgement teachers have made and schools have submitted to each Examination Board.

At Blessed Trinity, teachers worked incredibly hard on grades and ranks throughout May. Following best practice guidelines from the Department for Education, we considered a wide range of evidence in assessing the grade we thought each pupil was most likely to get. This included: classwork, homework, test and mock grades and, in relevant subjects, any pieces of coursework. In addition, we put pupils into a rank order within each subject.

There was high quality teacher discussion about each individual and all grades were checked and challenged at all stages by members of the Senior Leadership Team and external advisors. As you know, we are not permitted to share any of this information with you, but hope that you are reassured that we have done all we can to produce grades that are as fair as possible.

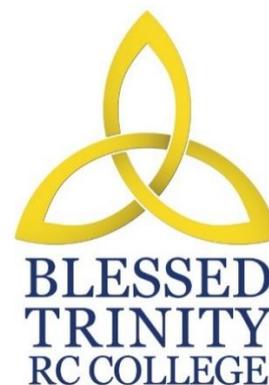
It is important to understand, in any case, that these are not necessarily the same as the grades pupils will get this Summer. The grades pupils actually receive are 'Calculated Grades'.

### **Calculated Grades**

These are the grades pupils will receive in August and are produce by each Examination Board in each subject.

The key responsibility for Examination Boards is to ensure that grade distributions in 2020 are similar to those in 2019 and other years. This is of huge importance to our pupils because it ensures that their grades have future credibility with Colleges, Universities and employers.

Examination Boards will consider school Centre Assessed Grades but will also use other information to moderate grades up and down, before pupils receive them. You can read full details of this process in the Ofqual publication: [Summer 2020 grades ... Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers.](#)



### **Appealing Grades and Resitting Examinations**

As 2020 is such an unprecedented year, there will be very little opportunity for pupils to appeal grades and instead there will be increased opportunity for pupils to retake examinations in either Autumn 2020 or Summer 2021.

Ofqual are currently carrying out a final consultation about the Autumn resit programme. Parents and pupils will be updated once we have more clarity.

### **Results Day: Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

In light of the continuing uncertainty around the Corona Virus and in line with most other schools, we are planning to send results out to you this year, rather than ask you to come into school to collect them. Again, as we have finer details about how your results will reach you and what additional support and guidance you can expect from us, I shall write to update you.

As ever, you are most welcome to get in contact with me, [rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk), with any further queries about examination grades in 2020

I hope that you and your families are managing to keep safe and well through this difficult time.

Yours faithfully



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