



25th March 2020

Dear Students, Parents/Carers,

Qualification awards for Year 11 and Year 13 students – Summer 2020

Warlingham School is committed to ensuring that all Year 11 and 13 students who were due to certificate this year are not disadvantaged by the effects of the Coronavirus/Covid 19 impacting on the examination process. Events have moved very quickly in the last week alone, and we will be working closely with awarding bodies in the coming weeks and months to ensure that the correct procedures are being followed.

GCSE's and A-Levels

The current information provided by the exam boards indicates that grades will most likely be awarded based on a combination of prior attainment results and Predicted grades from teachers.

<i>Prior data</i>	A previous set of external exam results including KS2 SATs for GCSE and L2 vocational qualifications and GCSE/Vocational results for A-Levels and L3 BTEC/CTec qualifications
<i>Predicted grades</i>	This should take into account any evidence such as mock exams, coursework or non-exam classroom based assessment. It is possible that the exam boards will require the submission of evidence although this is not yet clear. As a result, it is recommended that any prior assessments that the student may hold should be kept safe.

These will then be used to decide on a final calculated grade.

Vocational qualifications (BTEC's and Cambridge Nationals)

These will be calculated using any available evidence including previous assessments and completed assignments. The approach is not yet finalised but exam boards will be working together as well as with Ofqual in order to agree an approach to ensure no students are disadvantaged.

Results

The exam boards will hope to give results by the end of July and students should be assured that these grades will be indistinguishable from those given in other years. Also universities have been encouraged to be flexible and do all they can to support students to ensure they can progress to higher education.

Further steps

If students feel that the correct process has not been followed in their case, there will be an option to appeal to the exam board. There will also be opportunities to sit exams early in the Autumn term, or in the summer of 2021, if students are not happy that their grade reflects their performance. With this in mind, we recommend that students continue to complete any outstanding course material and indeed revise previously covered material in the event that an exam still needs to be taken.

You may have many queries relating to the process that is to be followed. There is a helpful FAQ page on the DFE website through the link overleaf.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

We thank you for your continuing support at this time, and we will contact Students and Parent/Carers when we have a clearer picture of the processes and timescales involved. If you contact us with any specific queries, we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible although this could take up to 5 working days.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Glover', written in a cursive style.

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