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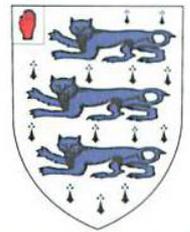
THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

incorporating

ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 and Year 13 Qualifications 2021

As you may be aware, The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) who regulate qualifications, examinations and assessments announced this week how qualifications including GCSEs, A Levels and BTECs will be awarded. The document can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/how-qualifications-will-be-awarded-in-2021> The grades will be determined by teachers and will be based on a range of evidence, both from the classroom and also remote learning. The examination boards, who award the grades are due to issue guidance shortly. Until this is released, we do not know the details of what it is that we need to do. Our priority in this process is to ensure that every student gets the grades that they deserve. When the examination boards issue their technical guidance, we will then work with the other schools in the 3-18 Trust to ensure that we have a robust procedure for determining the grades.

The decision by Ofqual to have grades awarded in this way follows a public consultation, the results of which are here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/965005/6747-1_decisions_-_GQ_consultation_on_awarding_grades_in_2021.pdf How qualifications will be awarded this year is different from how it was done last year and obviously a departure from the traditional end of course public examinations many of us will have been used to. One of the most significant changes to the exams process is that the results days have been brought forward in order to allow additional time for appeals to the examination boards against awarded grades. The results days are now: 10th August for A Level and 12th August for GCSEs.

We do not intend to give students in Year 11 or 13 any assessments or mocks immediately upon their return to school. We want to allow opportunity to get back into the routine of being in school and sixth form. Any assessments or mocks that we do between now and the end of the courses that could contribute to a judgement on grades will be highlighted to students. This is to allow them adequate chance to prepare for them. Please be assured that as soon as we are in a position to provide you with more information about the process of awarding grades, I shall write to you again.

Yours faithfully

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