

UPDATE ON EXAMINATIONS FOR 2020

Dear Parent and Student,

The information on examination grades has just been released today.

In summary, for every GCSE, AS and A level subject, exam boards will require each school and college to submit the following information:

- A centre assessment grade for each student which remain confidential and not be revealed to students and parents/carers
- The rank order of students within each grade

The deadline for submitting data to exam boards will be no earlier than 29 May.

So that the final grades awarded are as fair as possible, exam boards will use a statistical model to standardise grades across centres in each subject, considering

- expected grade distributions at national level,
- results in previous years at individual centre level, and
- the prior attainment profile of students at centre level.

Please find a link attached to it here:

<https://sfcawebsite.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/Guidance-for-Teachers-Parents-and-Students.pdf?t=1585908427>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

This is also on our website should the link not work for you.

This means the final grade will be based on a combination of teacher predicted grades, previous results and added value at each college (ours are positive and we are in the top 25% nationally so it is expected that this will be maintained) and your previous GCSE examination results.

Appeals are likely to be limited in scope. There are still details to be fleshed out and we will keep you posted on progress.

I've had a few queries from you about when lessons end and still continuing to work so thought I would write to clarify some questions.

If you are a year 1 student: carry on as normal doing your lessons and studying via on online learning (with a break over Easter)

If you are a year 2 student: studying A level or studying second year 2 AS courses your lessons finish on May 1st. It is in your best interest to keep working as hard as you can in all of your subjects until then as it is good for you to complete your whole studies so please keep working until May 1st.

If you are studying GCSES. Your GCSE lessons finish on 1st May.

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If you are studying Level 3 Year 2 Vocational courses and Level 2 Vocational courses
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If you are studying the IB year 2 lessons have finished and IB are working through process of deciding grades.

We will have an update on BTECs and Vocational Qualifications as soon as possible.

Please remember that our well being services are still available over Easter. To get in touch please email: wellbeingzone@varndean.ac.uk

Wishing you a restful and relaxing Easter break,

SLT at Varndean College.