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Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you about the process by which your child's GCSE grades will be determined which has been decided by the government and the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual).

Schools are being required to submit their judgement about the grade they believe a student would have received if exams had gone ahead. In order to do this fairly and robustly, schools have been asked to use a range of evidence to decide these centre assessed grades, including looking at the results of any Pre-Public Examinations.

These centre assessed grades are not the same as the final calculated grades which are the grades students will receive in August. This is because once schools have submitted their centre assessed grades, the exam boards will analyse these and compare these grades with other relevant data. This will include exam boards looking at your attainment in Key Stage 2 tests at primary school, where this applies, as well as the performance of students within the school in the past. The exam boards will use all of this information to produce a final calculated grade for each student.

Schools are prevented from sharing their centre assessed grades with students or parents as they will not necessarily be the same as the final calculated grade that students will receive on the 20th August. We appreciate that this will come as a disappointment to many students who had been waiting to receive the examination or predicted data from your March Pre-Public examinations. For any post-16 applications we ask that students continue to use the official predicted grades they received last December.

Ofqual, the exam regulator, has produced [this detailed document](#) to help address any questions or concerns that you might have about the process I have outlined above.

We understand that this is an extremely difficult time for families. We hope that your child is actively looking to prepare themselves for the next stage of their education and that they are finding the booklets that we shared with them useful. Hopefully, these are providing them with greater purpose in their home learning and are supporting their preparation for the start of the exciting next chapter in their education and training.

Your child's teachers and the senior leadership team are also here to support you and your child so please email us, either individually or, at [help@northolthigh.org.uk](mailto:help@northolthigh.org.uk) if you need any other help.

Warm regards,

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