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Dear Year 11 and 13 Pupils,

I know that this is an uncertain time for you and this will undoubtedly be causing anxiety. However, we now have some clarity about the process for awarding grades to Year 11 and Year 13 pupils: **we now know that teachers will be responsible for deciding the grades you are awarded in each of your subjects**, though it is vital that you understand that these grades have to be based on **evidence**. This evidence can take many forms and can be taken from prior to lockdown, during lockdown or from when you return to school. These grades will **not** be based on potential and are not predictions as to what you *might* have achieved had there been no disruption to learning and exams had gone ahead as planned.

I know that many of you will be anxious to know what grades your teachers are likely to award you, but I need to make it clear that we will **not** share any predicted grades or centre determined grades with pupils or parents as this can seriously compromise the integrity of the process and is something that is clearly warned against in the guidance from WJEC/Qualifications Wales. However, we will be happy to discuss your current grades and progress with you, so please get in touch if there is anything you feel we can help you with.

The recent developments in relation to qualifications will most probably leave you with many questions. Therefore, Mrs Jarvis will be posting a recorded message this week about the process for qualifications this year. Next week, we would like to invite you and your parents to a Question and Answer session where myself, Mrs Jarvis, Ms Thomas and Ms Brassington will try to answer any specific questions you may have. Further details about this session will be forthcoming soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr Perkins
Assistant Headteacher