

Good Morning all,

I hope you are all as well as can be given the current situation.

I imagine you will be feeling a mixture of emotions at present; sad, angry, annoyed, confused or perhaps for some of you, happy!

I just wanted to write to clarify a few things for you all.

Whilst Boris Johnson appeared to announce last night that exams were 'cancelled', we do not yet know that this will be the case.

The Department for Education sent an email to all Headteachers last night to state the following:

'In these circumstances, we do not think it is possible for exams to go ahead fairly this summer. The Secretary of State for Education will be asking Ofqual to consult rapidly on an approach for alternative arrangements that will allow students to progress fairly.'

The key part above is 'alternative arrangements'. We do not have any further clarification yet on what this means but what we do know is that you will be given grades and they will have to come from somewhere! Therefore, I am urging you to carry on working hard. As always in life, the harder you work for something, the better the outcome. It would be easy to think, 'ok, I will do nothing now', but what would that mean for your results?

You really all do deserve the absolute very best and we are here to support you in getting that.

So, keep completing work (it won't be a waste!) and I promise to update you as soon as we know more about how the exams/assessments/grading will eventually work.

For those of you who are due to conduct vocational exams over the next three weeks, these will go ahead as normal and you will hear more from staff today on plans for these.

Do take care and we are here if you need us.

Mrs Howard