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Dear Year 11 pupils, parents and carers

We thought it timely to contact you with regards to this summer's examination process and the latest guidance on how grades will be calculated.

Whilst the position has still to be fully clarified, detailed below are extracts from the latest Department of Education advice on this subject. Their full publication can be accessed on line at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

We are not awarding students their predicted grades. Ofqual, the independent qualifications regulator, will develop a fair and robust process that takes into account a broad range of evidence, including teacher assessment and prior attainment.

Mock examination results will be **one of the pieces of evidence** that will be taken into account in this process, **alongside other factors.**

If a student does not believe the correct process has been followed in their case, they will be able to **appeal** on that basis. In addition, if they **do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance**, they will have the **opportunity to sit an examination**, as soon as is reasonably possible after schools and colleges open again. Students will also have the option to sit their examinations in summer 2021.

Bearing in mind this guidance we would like to clarify our advice to our students:

- Ensure you are in the **best possible position** to access your chosen post-16 pathway.
- It is important that you **maintain revision** over this period of uncertainty in case you need to sit an exam to access this pathway.
- If your future pathway involves A-Levels or similar study you should **pay particular attention to the subjects you are wanting to pursue.**
- Complete any outstanding **coursework** to the very best of your ability.
- If you know you were on a **grade borderline** in any particular subject, **especially English and Mathematics**, it would be sensible to keep working hard anticipating you may have to sit an examination in the future.

If you need to be in touch with any of your classroom teachers over the coming days and weeks, please do email them directly. They will be happy to discuss any issues with you. In addition, Mr Thomas and the Year 11 team are also on hand.

To email staff directly you type their name followed by @themarvellcollege.com. For example, Mr A Thomas would be athomas@themarvellcollege.com.

Stay safe.

Yours faithfully

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