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Dear Parent/Guardian

Summer qualifications announcement

This morning, we awoke to stories in the press about how the grades for our students are to be awarded this Summer. It is disappointing to see this on the front pages of newspapers without schools having the fine detail of how the process will work. However, further clarity has been emerging through the day.

The Secretary of State, Gavin Williamson, has written a letter of direction to Ofqual (the body that regulates qualifications) which can be found [here](#).

Ofqual themselves have published their response to the consultation exercise and this also includes their conclusions and the actions we will need to take. This can be found [here](#).

As a school, and across Maiden Erlegh Trust, we will read the guidance carefully, reflect and work on a process to ensure our students get the grades they deserve. Over the next few days, I will be working with the Trust central team and other Headteachers to digest the information provided to us and, once the plan is in place, this will be fully communicated to you.

As always transparency is very important and once our plan is in place you will have all of the information you require, however we want to do this right and the plan will take time. Until we have developed our planning further, please could I ask you to refrain from contacting the school about this matter.

In the meantime, we must continue to support Year 11 students to continue working hard and making progress in their learning.

Our other immediate priority is to work together to support all our young people through the transition back to face to face lessons and to ensure that their mental health and wellbeing is looked after over the next few months.

I am grateful for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher