

# Haileybury Turnford

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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 12

Thank you for your continued support of the school and your perseverance during these very difficult times. I hope you and all members of your family are keeping well and safe.

I am sure that you will have read and heard that schools will be reopening using a phased approach and that Years 10 and 12 will be the first students returning. I would like to reassure you that our priority will be to ensure the health and safety of students and staff and as such we will be reintroducing students to school very gradually. More information about this can be found in Mr Newman's letter to parents which has also been sent today.

Until students are invited into school, we will continue to set work as we have been, either via email or lessons using Microsoft Teams. It is very important that work is completed to the highest standard possible and deadlines are met. This will ensure progress towards the completion of A Levels and vocational qualifications.

Although we are not at school at the moment, we are keen to ensure that students are supported in moving to the next stage of their career or education. The UCAS application cycle for 2020-2021 is now open. We are not able to provide exact dates at this point, but we will be running an online session during the next half term focussed on applying to university, personal statements and the UCAS process.

We would also like to explain that we have been asked to submit Centre Assessed Grades not only for AS Levels but also vocational subjects for work students have been unable to complete during this school year. This is because exam boards recognise that students will be unable to catch up with units next year and they do not want to penalise them for this. As such, teachers have been considering a wide range of evidence to allocate a grade for each student they teach. This grade is based on external examinations (where appropriate), coursework, as well as internal assessments and classwork. However, it is important to note, that the grade that our staff give may not be the grade that your child is given by Ofqual in their final results.

### **How could the grade be amended?**

Once teachers have allocated a grade they have then been asked to rank the performance of your son or daughter against the performance of their peers in school in each subject they take. This will give the examination board information that will allow them to set the grade boundaries. They will then consider a variety of data, including your child's performance at the end of KS4. This may mean in some circumstances that, where a student is at the higher end of a ranking your child may be given a grade higher than the teacher's judgment. It could also mean that where a student is at the lower end of the ranking your child may be given a grade lower than the teacher's judgment. Schools and staff have been advised by the Government, Ofqual and the Department for Education that they are not allowed to share the grades that they have allocated nor the ranking with students or parents. Any non-compliance with this request will have serious repercussions for the school and potentially the student. Please do contact me if you would like more information about this.

Remember that HT staff are still here to support all Year 12 students over the coming months and we will continue to keep in contact throughout this difficult time. If any student has questions, worries or they just want to contact someone for a catch-up Miss Goody and myself are always available.

Take good care of yourselves.

Yours faithfully



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