

# gilesacademy

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Dear Students and Parents / Carers,

After what has been a stressful, emotional and surreal week, we wanted to write to you to reassure you that as the details are issued surrounding the issuing of grades for Year 11 and 13 students, we will update you regularly.

This evening it has been announced by the government that pupils whose exams were cancelled due to the coronavirus epidemic will be given grades estimated by their teachers.

We will be expected to look at coursework, mocks and other evidence from A-level and GCSE students to support awarding grades.

What the process for this looks like in detail is still unknown, but a process will be agreed with exam regulators and exam boards to see that pupils' "hard work and dedication is rewarded and fairly recognised".

As more details are shared, we will then share these with you.

Finally, we would like to take the time to say that all of our Year 11 and Post 16 students have conducted themselves with dignity and maturity over this last week. They have had a massive shock and have taken all the news in their stride. They are such a fantastic group of young people and both of us and all the staff will miss them massively over the next few months.

We have reassured the students that we will not allow for the Year 11 and Year 13 to be 'forgotten year groups' and that they will have their end of year celebrations, i.e. the Prom for those that want to attend. We do not know what this will look like or when it will be ... but they will have their day!

Kind regards,



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