



Sixth Form FAQs as at 1st April 2020

Year 13

Now that I am not taking my exams how will my grades be awarded?

Grades will be awarded through a combination of teacher assessment, coursework, mock exams and prior attainment. This information will feed into a national data set where Ofqual will standardise the grades across the country. You will then receive your grades once this process has been completed

What if I am not happy with the grades I have been awarded?

From what we know so far you will have the opportunity to appeal. The exact details of this process have not been released to us. We also understand that you will be provided with an opportunity to sit the exams early in the new academic year, again we have had no further details in this regard

Should I be worried about my University place if my grades are lower than I expect?

In short no, the Government has been very clear that no student will be penalised for what has occurred recently. As yet UCAS have not released any official guidance, however, they have said that they are working with the Universities to try to come to some arrangement about the procedure should students wish to challenge their grades. It is important to bear in mind that you can sit the exams and still potentially access University for the 2020/21 academic year as a worst-case scenario

So I may need to sit an exam if I want to appeal my grade, what do you suggest I do as preparation for this eventuality given that I am unlikely to be back in school this academic year?

You should try where at all possible to continue to engage with the work that your teachers have set you and will continue to set you in the coming weeks. Teachers have been instructed to see through the specification to its completion with Year 13. They have also been instructed to set you extension work through the entirety of the May Half Term. Once the course completes make sure that your folders are well organised and act as an effective revision guide. If you are concerned that your predicted grade will not be what you need, then you should start revising in June ready to be prepared for a September exam.



Year 12

I am a year 12 student, what are the next steps for the rest of the Year?

Teachers have been informed to continue providing education to you through online learning. For the May half-term they have been advised to consolidate your knowledge, by this we mean that you should expect a lot of assessment to check your understanding and progress over time. As we move forward, new material will be introduced to you, but with the expectation that it is covered at the start of the new academic year.

In order to progress to Year 13, I needed to pass all of my subjects. How will this work now?

The same process will apply as it does for the Year 13 students. Your teachers will provide a predicted grade based on the evidence that they have accumulated over the Year. You will receive these results in August before you enroll for Year 13. If you fail one or more of your subjects you will meet with the Head of Sixth Form to discuss your options. You will also have the chance to appeal to Mr. Hamilton should you so wish. Any student that appeals will have the option to sit their respective exams in early September 2020.

If you think that you are a marginal case then it is essential you fully engage with the online learning and the work that has been provided to you.

How will lesson look in the summer term?

As a Year 12 student you will receive work through Google Classroom and Show My Homework with Google Meets being used to deliver online lesson. New content will be delivered to you online via online lessons. This material will then be reinforced when we return in September to ensure that the coverage is as comprehensive as possible.