

8th June 2020

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

I hope you and your family are well. While I am sure it is a difficult time for many, it must be particularly strange and challenging for Year 11 students who have had such disruption to their final year at OBHS.

I wanted to take this opportunity to keep you up to date with the process surrounding Year 11 Centre Assessed Grades. The school has completed the initial stage of the GSCE grading process, and this information is currently being sent to the exam boards. It is important that parents and students are clear that it is the exam boards that will assign the final grade to students, and that this may not be the same as the grade the school has submitted. It is also important to remind parents that we cannot discuss the process or details of the grading process, other than to say it has been rigorous and followed all the published guidelines and been overseen and agreed by both the Trust and Governors.

Following the publication of grades in August, if any student is unhappy with the grades they have been allocated, the exam board have made it clear that they will have the opportunity to sit an exam in the Autumn. In previous years, where students have sat exams, they have been able to request a review of the marking of their exam papers. In 2020, students' only option if they are unhappy with their allocated grades is to sit an exam in the Autumn. The school has yet to receive more information regarding this process, but I will inform you as soon as we have more details.

Finally, can I remind parents and students that the Year 11 pastoral team are always available if you want to contact us for information, guidance or just a chat.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Fell Headteacher



