



# WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Dear Students in Year 11, Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are all coping. Please accept my warmest wishes to those of you who have experienced loss or suffering as a result the Covid-19 outbreak.

I understand how unsettling the past few weeks have been for you. One student said, "Year 11 was not meant to end like this." No. It was not, and the staff here are looking forward to and hoping for a chance to getting everyone together safely for a proper goodbye.

## Centre Assessed Grades

One concern many students had was that all their hard work was for nothing. I can assure you it was not. In arriving at a Centre Assessed Grade for each of you, we have been asked to take everything into account. That includes your classwork, assessments, mocks, bookwork and even incomplete tasks, assignments and coursework. We are required to provide the exam boards with:

- the grade we believe you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned
- to order the performance of each student by grade, within each subject

The Centre Assessed Grades will be checked carefully in school, including using a data Provider Fischer Family Trust (FFT), to analyse the grades for consistency with previous years' data. They will be submitted to the exam boards at the end of May 2020. Ofqual will then work with the exam boards to standardise the grades across all schools and colleges, to make sure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that no schools or colleges have been more generous or harsh than others with grades. This means the final grade a student gets from the exam board may be different from the grade the school awarded. The rank order will however, not be changed.

Please note the following:

- No more work needs to be completed for any subject, including BTEC and Cambridge Nationals
- Nothing else needs to be handed in

## Other Important note:

Ofqual and the Exam boards have specifically instructed all schools and colleges NOT to disclose any information about the Centre Assessed Grade to students/parents/ carers. For this reason, we will not be publishing anything on Go 4 Schools nor will we be able to give any information at all until after the results are published.



## Results Day

Results will be released on Thursday August 20 2020. Guidance for how this day will work will be released when we know more about the period of lockdown and the government plans.

Students will be able to appeal their results just as with previous years and the school will help as we have always done, should this be necessary. The government have also made it clear that students will have the chance to resit the exams in November if they are not happy with their result, but they have not yet shared the details about how that would happen.

## Prom, Hoodies and Year Books.

Most of you have realised now that we will not be able to run the prom as originally planned. We will not give up on thinking of some way to mark your leaving, so watch this space! In the meantime, the year books and hoodies will be arriving soon. Something to look forward to. We will send out a message via email, social media and on the website with arrangements for delivery, when they arrive.

## Finally a note specifically for the students:

I do hope you can believe that your future plans will not be adversely affected and that you have an opportunity to prepare for your next chapter like no other 16 year old ever has! You can read up on a subject; get fit; clean up your social media profile; do an online course; grow your hair, volunteer in the community; get a part time job; contribute to the smooth running of your household. Never miss an opportunity to show kindness, you are always stronger than you think you are and always know we are so, so proud of you.

Kind regards,

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