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Dear Year 11 student and your parents/carers

I am writing to you to update you on what will be happening over the next few weeks for our year 11 students. Exams will not take place this summer. Instead, grades will be awarded through teacher assessment based on what you have been taught. Your teachers will use a range of evidence from across the course of study to make their decision. Our aim is to be as fair as possible to award you the grades that you deserve this year, allowing you to move forward with your chosen next steps.

There is more information about how your grades will be decided in the enclosed guidance for students, parents and guardians. A list of the qualifications you have been entered for is also enclosed.

Can I see the grades my school submits for me? No, this information will be confidential. Your teachers will tell you which pieces of work will be used as evidence to inform your overall grade. You will have the opportunity to raise any concerns about the evidence being used, for example, if the evidence was affected by personal circumstances, such as illness. Your teacher will make the final judgement about what evidence is to be included - this is not a negotiation. Your teachers will not be able to tell you the grade they have submitted to the exam board. Please don't ask your teachers or anyone else at your school, to tell you the grades they will be sending to the exam boards as they are not allowed to share these with you.

When will I get my results? Results should be available on Thursday 12th August. We will let you know nearer the time how you can collect your results. We will let you know if this date changes.

How will grades be calculated?

Your teachers will determine your grades, this will be an overall grade based upon a range of evidence verified by your school. Once your teacher has determined your grade, it will be reviewed by other teachers and senior leadership here at school, so that all grades are determined consistently with our school policy.

These results will then be reviewed by the exam boards who designed each course, before awarding the final grades which reflect your performance on content you have been taught, and allow you to confidently progress to the next stage of your education or into employment.

Please also check the school website for information about results and our Appeals process:

www.harmonizeacademy.org/examinations



Year 11 students will start our career transition programme after half term week beginning 7th June 2021 and you can attend school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 11:30am and 1pm for careers advice and guidance. We will continue to support you over the summer holidays and the autumn term to ensure you successfully progress on to further education, apprenticeships or employment and, our Career Leader Mr Okaro will be available to help you throughout this time.

Please note, school will be closed the week beginning Monday 31st May for the summer half-term holiday. We are hoping to have a special year 11 assembly on **Friday 28th May** to recognise students' achievements throughout the year.

Progression Support: Lisa Kirkham from Careers Connect is available to give advice about your progression to sixth form, college, training, apprenticeship or work. Please contact Lisa by email lisa.kirkham@careerconnect.org.uk or mobile 07792737527.

The importance of testing and reporting: Testing continues to play a crucial role, in and out of classrooms, in our fight against coronavirus (COVID-19). Students should continue to test themselves and report results twice a week (Sunday and Wednesday). Reporting test results can be done simply and quickly, from mobiles, online or by phone, and should be completed straightaway. Reporting not only supports contact tracing in the event of a positive case, but assists our understanding of community rates of infection. To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the Department for Education has produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#), featuring further guidance and common questions. This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case.

If you have any queries, please ring the school and ask to speak to Vice-Principal, Mr Carl Parkinson or Assistant Principal/SENCo, Gerard Tiernan.

We wish you all success in your grades this summer.

With very best wishes,



Marie McConville
Principal