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Dear Parents/Carers

I trust all is well.

As communicated previously, we will provide updates as and when appropriate to all students, parents/carers and governors once more information is released by Ofqual and the examination boards regarding the 2020 summer examination series.

On Tuesday 5th May 2020 Ofqual confirmed that “we have decided that students of any age and in any year group who had been entered to take exams this summer will be able to receive a calculated grade on the same basis as other students this summer.” Therefore, I can confirm that Year 10 students will receive a GCSE Religious Studies grade on the 20th August 2020 and in some small instances, a home language qualification.

I hope that this alleviates some of the stresses upon students and their work throughout their course of study will be rewarded as appropriate. Please do await further communication that will outline the specifics for the ‘Results Day’ at The Westgate School which will be released in due course. We are also still awaiting the final decision regarding the consultation about BTEC and vocational qualifications and will communicate the outcome of this process at the earliest opportunity.

I would implore your son/daughter to continue engaging with their subject teachers about the expectations of their GCSE courses because it is vital that students are prepared for the demands of Year 11 in September 2020 – particularly in this climate of remote learning.

If there is anything that I can clarify or do to support, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

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