



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

23rd March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and adjusting to our strange new routines and way of life.

It's hard to believe that it is less than a week since the news that GCSE and A Level exams will be cancelled. I understand that we are all anxious to know what will happen in this process of awarding grades for A Level and GCSE exams. This link below provides the most up to date information. It is well worth reading it in detail.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

The guidance is in a FAQ format and addresses some of the questions you may have. Whilst they are still working on the finer details it is clear that they will NOT be awarding students their school predicted grades. They will be developing a “fair and robust process that takes into account a broad range of evidence, including teacher assessment and (student) prior attainment”.

Please can I reinforce the message that I emailed over the weekend and ask that students and parents do not contact individual teachers to enquire about their grades. We will endeavour to communicate with you again whenever we receive more details.

One further point is that it is hard for us to decide what advice to give to Y11 in terms of whether to keep working. The advice on the government website does say:

“We recognise that some students may feel disappointed that they have not been able to sit their exams. If they do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance, they will have the opportunity to sit an exam, as soon as is reasonably possible after schools and colleges open again.”

It may be a good idea if we ensure that Y11 at least complete their courses through virtual learning. We will consider this today and update you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr CA Sugden
Headteacher