

Ref: Update on GCSE Exams

6th April 2020

Dear GCSE Students,

Following the announcement from the Secretary of State on 18th March 2020 regarding the decision not to hold exams this summer, further guidance has now been published. Below, you can find link to the letter from Ofqual to students which we have been asked to share with you. The letter explains the process which will be used to award GCSE grades, and includes some of the frequently asked questions. Our priority is to ensure that every student is awarded a grade that is a true reflection of their ability.

If you completed the GCSE mock exam in March, your English or Maths teacher will contact you after the break by Friday 24th April with your result and feedback. Your mock exam grade is not the final predicted grade we will be submitting to the awarding body. If you feel that your mock exam grade does not fully reflect your potential, you still have time between now and June to demonstrate your ability to work at a higher level. Please continue to work on developing your English and/or Maths skills remotely and completing the tasks set by your teacher.

If your attendance in English and/or Maths lessons up until the college closure on 20th March was below 90% and you have not completed the mock exam, we may not have enough information to accurately predict a grade which reflects your current ability and full potential. If you are in this position, your English teacher will contact you after the Easter Break to offer you an opportunity to complete an alternative mock exam remotely. This will have to be completed by Friday 1st May.

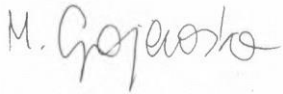
For GCSE English, we will be required to submit predicted grades for the Spoken Language Assessment. While this grade does not contribute to your final grade, it will appear on your final certificate. If you have not completed your Spoken Language Assessment and have not requested for your previous grade from school to be used, please speak to your English teacher about how you can complete your Spoken Language Assessment remotely. Again, this needs to be completed by Friday 1st May 2020 for us to be able to meet the external deadline.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or the attachment, please contact your English or Maths teacher in the first instance or the English manager – Harminder Ubhie on Harminder.Ubhie@west-thames.ac.uk, Maths manager – Reman Swidan on Reman.Swidan@West-Thames.ac.uk



Please be assured that our focus is to support you in these difficult circumstances in order to ensure that your GCSE result is fair and reflects your full potential. This will enable you to progress onto your chosen next step.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Gajewska". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Link to Ofqual Letter to students:

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