



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, the government has now set out guidance on how GCSE, A level and Vocational Technical Qualification grades will be awarded this year. We would like to share with you some information on what this means for our students.

Firstly, please be reassured that students are in an excellent position; we have made the most of their time, both in school and when learning from home, and the plans set out below will ensure that no student is adversely affected by the disruption they have experienced over the course of their A Level/BTEC programme of study.

### Awarding qualifications

We will review and draw upon a range of evidence to make a judgement about the grade at which our students are performing in each of their subjects. This evidence might include: achievement in non-exam assessments; the results of assignments and tests; performance in substantial class or homework; data from mock examinations; and any other records of pupil performance and capability over the course of study, including information relating to any special considerations or reasonable adjustments to be taken into account.

We would also like to offer all students a further opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding. We will therefore be running a two-week assessment period from the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> May. Students will have Assessment Leave during these weeks, coming in to school just for their assessments.

When students return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March, teachers will begin to prepare them for the assessment period. They will assess for any gaps in knowledge and understanding, support pupils in ensuring that they have a solid understanding of the key concepts required, revise the content to be covered, and coach pupils in readiness for the assessments. Assessments will only test students on the content that has been covered, and we will ensure that students have a clear understanding of this.

All of the evidence used to inform the awarding of qualifications will be subject to extensive moderation and standardisation, in addition to the procedures set out by the exam boards.

Results will be issued to students on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**.

We are so proud of our students and the way in which they have continued to make progress during this incredibly turbulent year. We know that the procedures we have put in place will enable them to achieve the grades they so thoroughly deserve, and support them in preparing for the next phase of their education.

Your faithfully

**Mr C Bradley**  
Assistant Headteacher

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*Live, Love and Learn in the Light of Christ*

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