



# Castle Donington College

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Dear Parent / Carer and Year 11 student,

## **Year 11 Examination Grades 2020**

The Government have taken the decision to cancel all exams this summer.

Year 11 pupils will still however, receive a formal grade with the same status as grades awarded in any other year. Schools have been issued with some information regarding how grades will be calculated and details can be found at:

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

The calculated grade process will take into account a range of evidence including, for example, non-exam assessment (NEA) and mock results. We are still waiting for clarity about NEA work, which is incomplete, and will let you know what is expected, as soon as we have information.

The approach to awarding grades will be standardised between schools. At the moment we do not know how this process will work. We have been informed that Ofqual is working urgently with the exam boards to set out proposals for this process and will be talking to teachers' representatives before finalising an approach, to ensure that the action taken is as fair as possible.

Mock exam results will be **one** of the pieces of evidence that will be taken into account in this process, alongside other factors. Ofqual will ensure schools are provided with clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly. It is likely that Ofqual will allow schools to include measures that reflect how much progress a student would have been likely to have made.

If a student does not believe the correct process has been followed, they will be able to appeal. 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 open again. Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021.

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 open again.

We are completely committed to ensuring that every child receives the best education possible and for the next few weeks will continue to set work for Year 11 pupils to access while at home. These are extraordinary circumstances and we will work hard to ensure that we do everything we can to best help students prepare for and progress to the next stage of their education.

We understand you may have individual concerns, but we are unable to answer questions until we have the information ourselves. In the meantime, we urge Year 11 pupils to access work through ShowMyHomework and keep learning.

Yours faithfully,

Julie Sheppard  
Principal