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Dear parents and carers,

As you may be aware, the government has taken the decision not to go ahead with this summer's exams. I am writing to share with you the information that has been provided by the exam boards about how students will be awarded with grades.

- 1) Ofqual, the organisation who oversee the exam boards are in the process of setting out a method to provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible.
- 2) This calculated grade will be based on teachers, who know their students well, submitting their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead. Teachers will be asked to take into account a range of evidence, including performance on mock exams and classwork.
- 3) Exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including student's prior attainment from primary school/secondary school, to produce a calculated grade for each student.
- 4) The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July. These grades will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years and will ensure that students aren't disadvantaged. These grades will be received earlier than normal to give students longer to assess their options.
- 5) Once students have received their grades they will have four options:
 - Accept the grades
 - Appeal the grades
 - Take an exam at the start of the academic year
 - Take an exam at the end of the next academic year

We will keep you updated with any further guidance we are provided with from Ofqual. I know there will still be some anxiety for students about the process until they are aware of their grades and this is inevitable. Hopefully some reassurance is that all teachers at the UTC know their students well and will take a range of wide range of evidence into account when calculating predicted grades for student, to ensure that they aren't disadvantaged.

Yours sincerely,

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