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## RE: Ofqual Update

Dear Students & Parents,

I am writing to update you on the breaking news today from Ofqual, the exams regulator, who announced a change of policy on how students will be graded this year.

Last week, on results day, students received their grades which had initially been generated by teachers in the form of a Centre Assessed Grade (CAG). This grade had been processed by exam boards through a computer algorithm which may have increased, downgraded or left the CAG the same. Following other parts of the UK, Ofqual have announced today that students can use the grade given by their teachers (CAGs) to replace the moderated grade they received last week, if it is higher.

This means that mock grades will no longer be used as an automatic basis for appeal, as previously thought, and students can receive their CAG if higher than the grade they received last week.

It is important to stress that nobody will be downgraded in this process, so if a student has received a higher grade than their CAG, they will keep this grade.

We understand this is an anxious time for our students and we will do everything we can to support them. We are now waiting on guidance as to how to proceed with making these changes and informing you of your individual Centre Assessed Grades. We will communicate this to you the moment we know - please look out for another communication from us tomorrow or later this week.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-from-roger-taylor-chair-ofqual>

Best wishes,



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