



MALVERN COLLEGE

To: Pupils and Parents re A Levels

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Dear Pupils and Parents

You will no doubt be aware that yesterday the Secretary of State for Education confirmed that A Level exams will not take place in England this summer. Instead, A Level grades will be based on teacher assessments. At this point, we have no information from the Department for Education or from Ofqual about how we will be required to make those assessments, nor the timeline for doing so. We hope that we may receive some further detail late next week from Ofqual that will, at least, outline the key principles for carrying out those teacher assessments but no fixed date has been given for an announcement. Pending further information, we will continue to teach the Upper A Level cohort as normal. Once we have sufficient further information about the nature and timing of the teacher assessments, we will respond accordingly and modify our teaching and assessment practices where necessary. The Upper Sixth A Level trial exams are scheduled for the week after Half-term this term, and, it is too early to say whether they will go ahead or not and, if so, whether we will need to modify the timing and format of the trials to best fit the requirements of the teacher assessed grading process. Decisions about the trial exams need to wait on further clarification about both the timing and process for the teacher assessed grades.

We are sorry that it is such an unsettling time for everyone and particularly for you, the A Level candidates. However, we can reassure you that whatever is required from us by the government, we will respond successfully to. Last summer's Centre Assessed Grade process was planned and executed very professionally at Malvern and our experience here will stand us in very good stead for managing teacher assessments this summer. As soon as we have further substantive information about the new assessment process, we will update you.

Yours sincerely

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