

# Hawley Hall High School

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'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding'. (Ofsted)

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent,

As you are aware the government announced on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 that all formal GCSE examinations in May and June have been cancelled. We heard this news at exactly the same time as you and therefore we were completely unaware of the government's intentions.

We know that you and your child are understandably very concerned as to how GCSE grades will be awarded this year. Currently, we are contacting all the exam boards to seek further clarification as they will be working with OFQUAL, the Department of Education and other regulatory bodies to ensure students are able to be awarded their GCSE grades.

In a letter from the Minister of Education to the education sector it states that the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessments (CCEA) will work with the awarding organisations to develop a robust process for awarding GCSE grades. This plan could include a combination of prior achievements, internal teacher assessed tracking information, predicted grades and analysis and modelling of existing data trends.

We will continue to update you when we learn of more information from the exam boards but in the meantime it is imperative that the students keep all their work and to continue to work on the resources provided by staff just in case that this may be required in the future. Obviously, your child will be frustrated by this lack of clarity but as you can appreciate these are unprecedented times.

Over the coming weeks we will be working with the local colleges to provide information and resources about all the differing programmes of study that your child will be going on to study when they leave Hawley Hall and we will keep you informed of this.

Your child has worked towards their GCSEs for the past two years at Hawley Hall and their hard work and efforts will be rewarded but not under formal GCSE examinations. Education is a continuous process of learning and we feel confident that your child is equipped for the next phase of their life.

With regards to Year 11s leaving secondary education nationally, we are obviously governed by the decisions made by the government over the coming weeks and months. Once there is clarity we will then endeavour to provide the opportunity for our students to celebrate their five years at Hawley Hall. Your child has handled all the difficulties that they have faced with incredible maturity and are a credit to you and the rest of your family.

In these extremely difficult times it is imperative that your child follows all the national advice from the government and Public Health England and support one another.



Should you have any pressing concerns please email [admin@hhhs.net](mailto:admin@hhhs.net) and your query will be directed to Mrs Jones, Mrs Knowles or myself or you can regularly check the latest news from the exam boards listed below.

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/news/coronavirus-advice/>

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/coronavirus-updates>

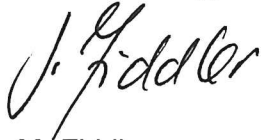
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<https://www.ncfe.org.uk/coronavirus-information-and-advice-for-customers-and-learners>

<https://www.wjec.co.uk/about-us/latest-news/cancellation-of-summer-examinations-2020-wales>

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the past five years.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Fiddler', written in a cursive style.

Mr Fiddler  
Deputy Headteacher