

7 September 2020

Dear parent of Year 11 student in 2019-20

We hope this email finds you well.

Some parents and students have contacted us to enquire about GCSE examinations that are taking place in the autumn and so we wanted to contact you all to clarify the situation.

There are a small number of students who may feel that they would have received a higher grade had they had the opportunity to sit the formal examinations. If this is the case for your daughter then she can choose to be entered for formal exams in most subjects.

Please be aware that:

- if a student sits an exam in the autumn, they will be formally awarded whichever is the higher of the two grades – either the Centre Assessed Grade, awarded in summer 2020 or the result from these new exams
- the government has confirmed that GCSE Exams will be held between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November with the final timetable to be issued soon
- results will be issued early in January 2021 (for GCSE English) or February 2021 for all other subjects
- exams will be held here on site at The Portsmouth Academy
- there is no fee for taking the examinations
- grades will be based solely on the examinations sat. If a subject has any non-examined assessment (coursework), then with the exception of GCSE Art, this work will not contribute towards determining the grade.

If you would like your daughter to sit any of these GCSE exams this autumn please complete the attached form and return to our Exams Officer Miss McKenzie ([j.mckenzie@tsatrust.org.uk](mailto:j.mckenzie@tsatrust.org.uk)) by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. You may also contact her if you have any additional questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal