



Thursday 15th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the disruption to qualification courses and the cancellation of public examinations this Summer, means that all Examination Boards have put in place alternative procedures for awarding grades.

Examination Boards have instructed schools to submit Centre Determined Grades that best reflect the standard students are working at in their qualification courses. To help you understand the alternative awarding procedures for this year, I have attached a Question and Answer table on page 2 of this letter. Our school Centre Determined Grades Policies will also be available on our website, at the following link, from Friday 23rd April: <https://www.breda.academy/our-school/policies/>

Student evidence is key to the awarding of the Centre Determined Grades and I have been extremely impressed by the positive attitude displayed by our Year 13 students since their return to school on Monday 22nd March. Our Year 13 students have been working hard in preparing for and completing assessment tasks which will provide evidence for their Centre Determined Grades and I would encourage all students to continue working in this mature and focused manner.

Examination Boards have set deadlines for the Centre Determined Grades to be sent to them. To meet these deadlines, Year 13 qualification courses will end in May as is the normal practice every year. This will allow all student evidence to be collated, moderated and verified for internal and external quality assurance procedures as directed by the Department of Education. For this reason, the last day of timetabled lessons and school for Year 13 students will be **Friday 28th May 2021.**

I very much look forward to celebrating the success of our Year 13 students on Results Day, **Tuesday 10th August** when they collect results for the following CCEA AS course qualifications, Art and Design, Single and Double Award Health and Social Care, Technology and Design and Moving Image Arts. The other Examination Boards (BTEC and OCN) will not award students a grade at the end of Year 13, instead they will do this next year at the end of Year 14.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Perry - Acting Principal



YEAR 13 SUMMER EXAMS 2021 Q & A

<p>Will I receive CCEA AS results this August?</p>	<p>Yes, Year 13 Results Day takes place this Summer on Tuesday 10th August 2021. The school will be open on that day from <u>9.30am to 11.30am</u> to allow students to collect results from the Assembly Hall. If you are unable to collect your results, they will be posted to your home address. <u>AS results only apply to CCEA courses.</u></p>
<p>What is a CCEA Centre Determined Grade?</p>	<p>The school will submit Centre Determined Grades to CCEA. Subject teachers will use student evidence to allocate these Centre Determined Grades to students. Centre Determined Grades will be based on the evidenced standard at which each student is performing in each qualification course- their demonstrated knowledge, understanding and skills in the content they have covered.</p>
<p>Can I ask for my CCEA Centre Determined Grades now?</p>	<p>Students are currently working on producing evidence for these grades, e.g. April/May assessments. When teachers decide on the grades, they will be sent to CCEA first before being awarded to students in August. Guidance from the Education Minister is very clear in stating that final Centre Determined Grades must <u>not</u> be shared with students or their families by the school until Tuesday 10th August.</p>
<p>Are the results I receive this August official CCEA AS results?</p>	<p>Yes, the AS results you receive on Results Day this August will be awarded by CCEA and are official AS results.</p>
<p>Is there an option to repeat Year 13?</p>	<p>There is no option available to repeat Year 13 as <u>all</u> Year 13 students may continue into Year 14 when the new academic year begins in September 2021.</p>
<p>Will my qualification courses continue into Year 14?</p>	<p>Yes, Year 13 qualification courses will continue into Year 14, this includes CCEA, BTEC and OCN subjects.</p>