



LINCOLN
A PRIORY ACADEMY

April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Last Friday we received Guidance from Ofqual with regards to how the process of grading students for GCSE and A level will work for this year's results.

I have attached the guidance for your information. I would ask that you read the information carefully. Some of the main points are as follows

- Guidance is for GCSE, A level, EPQ and AEA only – guidance for vocational subjects will come later
- The Academy will submit a grade and a rank order of students within that grade to exam boards.
- The deadline will be no earlier than the 29th May and there will have a two week window for submission
- The Academy will submit the most likely grade based on the evidence of student attainment that we hold.
- Standardisation will be conducted on the grades the Academy submit to the exam boards using a statistical model that will include
 - Expected grades at the national level
 - Previous year's results for the centre
 - Prior attainment profile for the students
- The grades given by the Academy will not be shared with parents or students
- Appeal against an awarded grade will be by examination in the Autumn of 2020 and the summer of 2021. This means the only way to get a grade changed is to complete an examination in that subject
 - Previous year's results for the centre
 - Prior attainment profile for the students

As I outlined in my last communication with you, the Academy will be using robust tracking data to ensure that the grade given reflects effort and attainment of each student. Heads of Departments and their teachers will be working together to ensure that we have the right grade prediction and rank order for each student.

If after reading the document I can help with any questions that you might have, please do not hesitate to contact me. chill@prioryacademies.co.uk

Regards
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