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Inspiring Optimistic Learners

Dear Year 11,

On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 the government announced that A-level and GCSE students would receive “Centre Assessed Grades”. You can read more by following the link below:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gcse-and-a-level-students-to-receive-centre-assessment-grades?utm\\_source=18%20August%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gcse-and-a-level-students-to-receive-centre-assessment-grades?utm_source=18%20August%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

Ofqual has decided that students will now be awarded their “Centre Assessment Grades” if they’re higher than their “Calculated Grades”.

Below is an explanation of to how Torpoint Community College generated Centre Assessed Grades:

The College asked each teacher to provide an assessment of the subject level competence of the students they taught based on the quality of classwork and homework produced. These assessments were at the heart of generating centre assessed grades. We then cross referenced teacher assessment against grades achieved in moderated assessments completed in examination conditions. Using these different measures it helped the College to ensure a fair and equitable system that took into account student capability and examination performance in each subject.

As a College we are aware that the examination period this year has been particularly complicated and please see below a statement from the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson:

*“This has been an extraordinarily difficult year for young people who were unable to take their exams.*

*We worked with Ofqual to construct the fairest possible model, but it is clear that the process of allocating grades has resulted in more inconsistency and unfairness than can be reasonably resolved through an appeals process.*

*We now believe it is better to offer young people and parents certainty by moving to teacher assessed grades for both A and AS level and GCSE results.*

*I am sorry for the distress this has caused young people and their parents but hope this announcement will now provide the certainty and reassurance they deserve.”*

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August there will be a number of members of staff in the sixth form to answer any questions that you have and in the coming days ahead please contact Mr Golding ([golding.j@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:golding.j@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk)) with any additional questions.

Yours sincerely,

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