



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

### Year 10/11 – exams update

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

You will have seen in the news that formal exams are cancelled this year and the Department for Education are asking teachers to give GCSE grades to the exam boards. GCSE results day will be Thursday 12 AUGUST which is earlier this year.

- Ofqual (the government department that regulates exams, assessments and tests) will establish the process to provide a grade, working with exam boards to ensure the process is, consistently applied, for all students. This may involve use of a set of tests/papers that can be used in school and marked in school.
- The exam boards will ask teachers to submit the most likely grade the students would have achieved. This will draw on a range of evidence:-
  - Mock exams results and tests sat last year
  - Non-examined assessment (NEA)
  - Performance in the classroom (general attitude to work) and on other assessments and tests
  - Test conducted in the classroom when we return in March.

There is a useful sheet from Ofqual on our website - <https://www.stmartins3-16.org/students/revision/>

We expect to receive clear guidance in due course, in order to do this fairly and robustly.

- We will be as positive and as fair as possible to our students.
- If it is felt that a grade awarded is incorrect, there will be an opportunity for appeal, which is an appeal against the correct process being followed.
- Also, if it is felt the grade does not reflect the likely performance of a student, it is anticipated that students will be able to sit an exam with St Martins School as a centre. Students may also wish to sit their exams in Summer 2022 in their new college or school.
- Vocational and technical qualifications will also be teacher assessed.

When we have further detail to share and we have the full programme for year 11 for the summer term we will write again.

I will also be holding another parent forum so that I can answer any questions you have about the process.

Looking forward to seeing you all from the 8<sup>th</sup> of March

Stay safe keep smiling

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