



as a joint Roman Catholic  
and Church of England School

St Edward's

25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the awarding of GCSE and A Level grades this Summer.

We are really pleased with the way our Year 11 and 13 students have responded, and we remain conscious of the pressure they may be feeling under at the moment. Please do remind your son or daughter that if they have any worries they can speak to their tutor in the first instance or speak to their teacher if it is a subject specific concern. Last week I spoke to each Year 11 tutor group and gave them the opportunity to ask any questions or comment on anything that was worrying them, and many took the opportunity to seek clarification on some areas of the process. This week, Mrs Murphy-Parry and I will be speaking to Year 13s and answering any of their questions.

Instead of sending a letter with lots of information, I would like to invite you to log on to a recorded update where we will be discussing the current picture for the awarding of grades. During the recording, I will be discussing the headlines coming from the Ofqual Guidance and what this means for our students. The recording can be found on the school website under the 'Information' Tab and then 'Awarding of Grades 2021', and will be available to view on Tuesday 30th March at 7pm using the normal password. The recording can also be accessed by using the following link <https://website.network.st-edwards.poole.sch.uk/information/awarding-grades-2021/>

At the time of writing, we still await further guidance from Ofqual and exams boards in regards to Quality Assurance and the release of supporting materials, but as soon as we have this, we will inform you of any updates. I hope you find the information video helpful and do contact the school via your son or daughter's tutor, if you have any further questions.

Early next week, Year 11 students will be receiving a slightly reduced report, which will indicate their engagement in Live Lessons during the recent lockdown and also their engagement with independent tasks. Due to the current situation we are unable to indicate any specific exam data.

Thank-you in advance for your support and flexibility as together we navigate these challenges.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Barnett  
Deputy Headteacher