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Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know about how students due to take the Religious Studies short course examination this summer will be awarded a grade.

When the government announced that all examinations due to take place this summer had been cancelled, it was suggested that Year 10 students would not be awarded a grade for any exams they were entered for, and instead that they would have the opportunity to take exams at a later date.

Following a consultation by Ofqual, it has been decided that Year 10 students will be awarded a grade for any examinations they were due to sit this summer, along with Year 11, 12 and 13 students.

As a result, we are including the Religious Studies short course in our process for awarding grades. This means that **students entered for this examination will receive a grade this summer without sitting the exam.**

The process for awarding these grades is as follows:

- Teachers will consider students' performance over the course and estimate what grade each student would most likely have achieved had they taken the exam.
- These recommended grades are moderated within the school to ensure they are fair and realistic. The examination board will also moderate the school's submission. As a result, the final grade awarded may be different to that which was recommended by the teacher.
- Students will receive their grade for Religious Studies in the summer (20th August) as would have been the case had they taken the exam.

Ofqual have made it clear that teachers must not tell students or parents what grade has been recommended. They have also asked that parents and students do not seek to influence this decision in any way as to do so may constitute malpractice.

Please contact Mrs Dawson should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Evans
Headteacher

