**ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSESSMENTS AND GRADING**

**VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, SUMMER 2019-20**

Dear Students,

I hope that you are all safe and well and that you had a good Easter break.

I am pleased to note that you have been working hard to achieve your respective vocational/technical qualifications and anxious to know how the grades will be awarded.

I am able to give you the latest information and hope that this will alleviate some pressure and stress.

On 9th April 2020, the government provided further information on how the award of grades for vocational and technical qualifications will be decided. There is a letter from Ofqual which explains the process and you should read it here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer>

In short, depending on the type of qualifications, most students will be receiving the grades on the basis on calculated results. Calculated results will draw on a range of evidence, depending on the structure of the qualification. They may be based in part on teacher, trainer or tutor judgements of the result each learner would most likely have achieved had they been able to complete their assessments in summer 2020.

There are some qualifications where calculated results may not be possible. In such cases Awarding Bodies will be encouraged to adapt assessments or delivery models. There may also be few more cases, where qualifications directly signal occupational competence or function as a license to practise and it may not be safe or meet employers’ requirements to do either of these. In those cases, there may be no option but to wait until normal assessments can take place again.

More information on how the results will be arrived at can be found here: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879019/Summer_2020_results_for_vocational_technical_and_other_qualifications.pdf>

The list of qualifications in scope for each category (the award of calculated results; adaptation of assessments; and rescheduling) is ongoing and we expect to receive the outcome in coming days.

Students will be able to appeal these grades if they do not feel they reflect their performance.

The aim is that students receive results alongside outcomes for GCSEs, AS and A levels.

Although the guidance states the no further work will be needed to award a grade, Lambeth College will continue the remote education of its students with an objective of gaining a head start on the curriculum for next year. As such, all your lessons are still going ahead through remote learning.

Again, please take care of yourselves and let us know if there is anything further we can do to support you during this challenging period.

Yours sincerely,

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