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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

## RE: UPDATE ON YEAR 11 QUALIFICATIONS

I write to provide you with a little more detail on what is expected of our Year 11 students as they complete their learning from home. Most importantly, our teachers will continue to help and support your child to ensure that they are well-placed to get the qualifications they deserve. **This letter also includes a letter to your child from the Ofqual, the Government's examinations regulator. It is important that they read this letter and understand that they are welcome to contact us with any questions that this letter raises. Please keep scrolling down to read the letter.** Hopefully, your child will find the letter informative and reassuring.

On Friday afternoon, it was confirmed that examination boards will ask teachers to submit their judgement – based on a range of evidence including classwork, homework, practicals and mock exams - on the grade that they believe students would have attained if the examinations had gone ahead. *Ofqual are very clear that the academy's grade for a student cannot at this stage be shared with either the student or their parent.*

The academy's judgement will then be moderated by the examination boards, based on a range of evidence, and a final "calculated grade" released no later than the original GCSE Results Day of 20 August 2020.

The Government have said that if students do not feel their calculated grade reflects their true performance, they will have the opportunity to appeal or to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again. Students will also have the option to "re-sit" their examinations in summer 2021.

We have been re-assured by Government that this year's awards will have equal value to those awarded in previous years. All of this means that it is important for our students to understand that their hard work has not been in vain, and that the knowledge and skills they have accumulated will be invaluable as they progress into sixth forms and colleges.

The current guidelines from the Government can be read in full here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>

The logo for Oasis Academy Silvertown features the word "Oasis" in a white sans-serif font inside a purple circle, which is set against a purple parallelogram. Below this, the words "Academy" and "Silvertown" are written in white on a dark blue parallelogram. A dark blue line extends from the right side of the logo across the top of the page.

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The letter from Ofqual mentioned earlier can be read in full here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877830/Letter to students - Summer 2020 grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf)

We will write to you again over the Easter break with further information on next steps for Year 11 students.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Johanna Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Johanna Thompson  
**Principal**