Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are well.

We wrote to you on 9th March outlining the process that we will be following to support Year 13 students towards their summer exams.

The exam boards issued further guidance on this on 26th March. Please see the link below for further guidance.

JCQ guidance

We had planned to use the November predicted grades as part of the final grade submission for each student. However, the updated guidance now states that, unlike in the summer of 2020, schools can no longer do this.

One source of data which is available to centres is tracking systems, that provide target grades or predicted grades based on assessment inputs and data modelling. As the policy direction is that the final grade is derived solely based on performances produced by students, a grade derived based on a predicted trajectory or target grade is not permitted. (p26, JCQ Guidance).

As a result we will no longer be using predicted grades as part of the final grades submission. We will now be using a combination of the summer assessments outlined in the letter of 9th March, the February working grade, and the November PPE grades. Working grades are those reported to parents on progress checks, and cover a range of assessments across the course. All students' final grades will be moderated within school, and we will continue to ensure that the process is fair and consistent for all students.

Over the coming weeks the Year 13 pastoral team and teachers will continue to support your child in working towards the summer assessments, and in helping them to achieve the grades that they deserve this summer.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D. Fenlon Head of School



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