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## **A message to all our GCSE and A-Level students this summer**

Thank you for all your hard work this year and your continued efforts in very unusual circumstances. We do hope you feel well supported by the College in this period of home learning.

We have now heard from the official body Ofqual about how your GCSE exam grades in English, maths and the sciences will be determined. We will be required to send examination boards two pieces of information for each student for each subject:

- The grade that we believe a student would have been most likely to achieve if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned
- Within each subject, we will also be required to provide a rank order of students for each grade.

Your grades will be based on your classroom work and assessments completed since September and your progress reviews to date. They will also be guided by your English, maths or science tutor, who knows you best and knows how hard you've worked. Very specific guidance will be followed by the teachers in this respect to ensure consistency across the country.

Your English, maths and science tutors will continue to be in touch with you, and to set work, up to the point when grades are to be submitted and you should continue to work on your English, maths and science until this point, as this will determine the grade that we will submit to the examination boards.

It may be tempting to ask your teacher or tutor about your potential grades or about the work that they will be doing to determine them, however you should not do so. They will not be able to discuss this with you, and the grades will be confidential and subject to Ofqual processes and checks before the release date in the summer.

Once the grades have been released in the summer anyone unhappy with their result will have the opportunity to appeal.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this please speak to your tutor or email [info@southwark.ac.uk](mailto:info@southwark.ac.uk).

Kind regards

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