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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

**Re: Year 10 Religious Studies examination**

We understand that the last few weeks will have been a very unsettling time after the announcement that Year 10 students will not be sitting their GCSE examination in Religious Studies this summer. We now have more information about what will happen with your GCSE Religious Studies qualification that we are able to share with you.

Ofqual, the government regulator for qualifications, examinations and assessments, issued a letter and guidance booklet in April on how GCSE grades will be awarded for Year 11 students. This booklet and letter are attached for your information. Initially, Ofqual did not release any information about the process that would apply to students sitting examinations in Year 10 and we have been awaiting further guidance to be published.

After consultation, Ofqual have now announced that the same process of students being awarded centre assessed grades will also apply to Year 10 students. This means that students will be awarded a grade for their GCSE Religious Studies examination this summer. Ofqual have provided further guidance for Year 10 students and we have attached this for you.

We will follow Ofqual's instructions on the awarding of grades and, as you will see in the attached documents, under no circumstances are we allowed to discuss potential grades with parents or students. However, please be assured that, as a school, we are working hard on fair processes and procedures for estimating Religious Studies grades and ensuring that our students get the outcomes they deserve.

As always, thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

Kind regards



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**Headteacher**