



# The Bolsover School

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Dear Year 11,

I sincerely hope that you and your families are all safe and well. Thankfully the weather has broken, it is getting warmer and the nights are getting lighter. I think this serves a perfect metaphor for the end of yet another dark and gloomy lockdown and a potential return to some semblance of normality.

This week has given us a further announcement which brings hope to everyone that the restrictions under which we have been living will finally start to ease off. Coupled with this was the announcement regarding GCSE examination grades. As a senior leadership team, we fully understand that there will be many questions and anxieties following the announcement of the return to school and how your GCSE examination grades will be determined. Included with this letter is an infographic which will hopefully go some way to answering many of the questions you may have. It explains how we as a school will work out your grades, the evidence we will use to produce the grade and when results will be available. There is also some information on the appeals process should you not fully agree with the grade awarded.

The key message from OFQUAL is very much in line with the school motto of "Nothing but the Best" – the results will be based upon not only work completed so far, but also anything you do in the future. Therefore, it is vital that you should continue to keep doing your best in all of your subjects.

In the coming weeks and months, more and more information will be released and we will of course communicate this to you as fast as we can. I am in no doubt that there may still be questions so please do not hesitate to speak to any of your teachers or the senior leadership team upon your return to face to face learning in school on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.

On behalf of all of the staff at The Bolsover School, we look forward to welcoming you back during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March to finish your GCSE studies and make sure that the GCSE grades you achieve are "Nothing but the Best".

Yours Faithfully,

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