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Dear Year 13 Parents & Carers,

Alongside communication sent out on Friday (also available on the website), we are still awaiting clearer guidance from the government, UCAS and Ofqual.

At the time of writing, this is our most recent information:

“Information for students in England

The UK Government has asked Ofqual (the examinations regulator) to develop a process in England that will provide you with a calculated grade for your A levels.

To make sure it's a fair reflection of your performance, your grade will be based on information from your teachers' judgement, using:

- previous attainment, including GCSEs and mocks
- non-exam assessment (course work)
- the grade your teachers believe you would have been awarded should exams have gone ahead

The government has said its aim is to provide these calculated grades before the end of July, and there will be an option to sit an exam later if you do not feel your grades reflect your performance. The government has said this will happen at the earliest reasonable opportunity.”

Many of the questions we are being asked by parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

At this moment, we are working as a team and network to decide what we will submit for each pupil per subject based on the criteria outlined above. Before this submission, we will consult with you and your young person. This should be available in the next fortnight.

I appreciate that having a young person in isolation without any finite goals or exams to work towards is a challenge. In my first correspondence to you last week, I suggested a range of free qualifications and courses students should access to keep their mind as busy as possible. I imagine how they use this “free” time will be of great interest to their universities, colleges and apprenticeships. Alongside this, we will have y13 assembly/civitas once a week - students will have received a calendar invite for this from their y13 tutor in their school email.

As you can imagine, we are as heartbroken as you are about the situation we find ourselves in. Please be assured that we are working extremely hard to find solutions. I will continue to update you as soon as we hear anything new.

Thanks so much to those of you who have sent through words of encouragement.

Please do get in touch with myself or Mr Knight (a.knight@arkbolingbrokeacademy.org) with any questions.

Very best,

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