



Thomas Telford UTC

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Dear Parent / Student

As you are aware qualification grades awarded this summer will not be based upon external examinations. As an alternative, teaching staff in schools across the country are required to collate evidence and determine a grade to award (Teacher Assessed Grade – TAG) for each student. This process is quality assured by examination boards and the evidence put forward has to be consistent across the year group and support the grades teaching staff allocate.

To try and ensure fairness and consistency, there are clear rules regarding this process and what teachers can and cannot share with students and parents. We have created a webpage [Exams - Thomas Telford UTC](#) which contains a guidance document for you (published by the Joint Council for Qualifications), our Centre Policy for determining grades and quality assuring judgements, and for each qualification, details of the evidence that will be used. There is also information about the results days.

We are not allowed to share with you details of the grades we determine before results day, and examination boards have made clear that any indication of us doing so is malpractice. Whilst I understand that students and parents will be anxious at this time, staff have been given clear guidance to not discuss grades with you.

All staff at the UTC want to award the best grades that can be justified to each and every student. Before the exam boards will release grades to our students, we have to successfully complete their quality assurance processes. For that reason, it is important that our decisions are rooted firmly in the available evidence.

Students have been given a link to a confidential service, where they may choose to let us know of any particular mitigating circumstances that they believe should be considered in determining their grade. The merits of any information will be determined using the normal guidance from exam boards.

Rest assured students will be offered the normal level of support towards their next destination from now through to results day and beyond.

Yours sincerely

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A Gill
Principal