

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

NEECA are following the guidance from Education Secretary of State, Gavin Williamson below. Year 11 Leaders will be in touch as more information comes in.

Education Secretary of State's Statement re: summer exam cancellations.

*"As I announced to the House on 18 March, in light of the unprecedented public health emergency the Government has taken the difficult **decision to cancel all exams** due to take place in schools and colleges in England this summer.*

We recognise that students have been working hard towards these exams, and this is not a decision we have taken lightly.

*Our priority is to ensure that students can move on as planned to the next stage of their lives, including **starting college or sixth form, or an apprenticeship or a job in the autumn.** For GCSE students we will also **make sure they are awarded a grade which reflects their work.** Our intention is that a grade will be awarded this summer, **based on the best available evidence**, including any non-exam assessment that students have already completed.*

*Ofqual (The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulations for England) will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible, and will work with the exam boards to ensure this is consistently applied for all students. **The exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.** To produce this, teachers will take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment. The exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student. More information will be provided as soon as possible.*

The aim is to provide these grades to students before the end of July.

*If students' do not believe the correct process has been followed in their case, they will be able to appeal on that basis. In addition, if they do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance, **they will have the opportunity to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity once schools are open again. Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021.***

In the meantime, Stay Home, Keep Safe and use Google classrooms. If you have any problem accessing work please contact your link tutor.