



# Wigston College

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Dear Year 13 Student,

It has been announced this week that A Level Exams will not take place and will be replaced by some form of Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs). We have yet to learn how and when the CAGs will be decided and submitted, so it is important that you continue to attend all online lessons and work hard in your studies as you normally would.

January Exams for AS or BTEC courses are going ahead for those students who wish to take them. This is your choice and as we have said we will support you whatever your decision.

We are aware of the disappointment that these changes may cause. The government have consistently told students that all exams would go ahead as normal and we had planned on this basis. Please bear these three things in mind:

1. Your hard work will be recognised. None of the effort you have shown so far or in the coming weeks is wasted. The system we implement will make sure this is fully reflected in your grades.
2. You will still be able to progress to university/apprenticeships or employment in the usual ways. Your CAGs will be valid; it is only the way they are administered that will be different. None of your ambitions for the future will be affected by this decision.
3. We will ensure that the new system will be carried out in a fair and balanced way. Grades will be awarded based on objective evidence and you have time to improve your grades with the work you are doing now and in the future.

At the moment you may feel disappointed, angry or frustrated but in the coming days you will process the news and in the long run you will be absolutely fine. Your teachers will advise you and guide you through the process. For now, just attend all of your online lessons, keep working hard and know that every piece of work you complete will make a difference. Remember we are here to help so, *please* contact us with any queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

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