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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11

You may be aware that the DfE released confirmation about how GCSE results will be awarded in 2020 today. The attached letter is from Ofqual and outlines the process. The full guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020> Please be assured that every department in school has already done a lot of work with external bodies validating our assessment judgments so you can have every faith in the accuracy of assessment at St Joseph's.

I am sure that your child might question the value of the work that they do between now and the time the assessment window closes. Whilst it is true that schools don't have to provide additional work for students to feed into these assessment judgements, it is also true that the more evidence a teacher has that a student is working at a certain level, the more accurate and confident the assessment will be. It is also worth noting that students who continue to keep a healthy study ethic now will be better prepared for A'level, BTEC or Apprenticeship study. We are working with post 16 providers to seek useful activities for Y11 to engage with, in preparation for post 16 study.

Finally, we are committed to ensuring that Year 11 leave St Joseph's in style and we are delighted that Miss Dougan has been able to contact Rivington Barn and negotiated a new 'post coronavirus' date for the Year11 prom. This is a date you will remember; the 5th of November! More information to follow.

Many thanks for all your support and understanding over the years and in particular the last few difficult weeks. Please watch out for any updates through our facebook page www.facebook.com/StJosephsRCHS and our YouTube 'Thrive' Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKba-KncnQpFtCqKVDcr1_Q

Kind Regards

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