

Ref: RCL/BCH

10 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Letter from Ofqual: exams and grading summer 2023

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family well.

I am writing to inform you that we have recently received a request from the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) which regulates qualifications, examinations and assessments in England, asking us to share with you a letter from Dr Jo Saxton (Chief Regulator) which outlines the arrangements in place for exams and assessments in 2023.

To read this letter, please click on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-to-parents-april-2023/letter-to-parents-april-2023>

Please note that Ofqual have also produced a [student guide to exams and assessments in 2023](#), giving you more information, so both you and your child know what to expect this summer.

Furthermore, Ofqual have also worked with experts to produce a [guide for students and parents on coping with exam pressure](#) to help them prepare. However, please note that staff in the academy remain on hand to support students during this busy exam period.

If students are remotely worried, please ask them to liaise directly with Mr Farrow (Head of Year 11) or Mrs Slade (Assistant Head of Year 11) or alternatively, if they are college students, Mr Hallam (Head of College) and Mrs Pipe (Student Achievement and Progress Manager) are available to offer relevant advice and guidance.

We hope you find the information from Ofqual insightful. In the meantime, if you have any queries about the examinations in general, please email me via exams@plume.essex.sch.uk and I will endeavour to address your questions as swiftly as possible.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish your child the best of luck in their upcoming exams and assessments.

Yours sincerely



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