

Dear Learner/Parent/Carer

Re: Cancellation of GCSE Summer exams as a result of Covid-19 Lockdown

I am sure you will have seen in the news in recent weeks that the government have taken the decision to cancel all exams that were scheduled for this summer as a result of the Covid-19 situation. This has had an impact on the staff and learners at Nova Training and we are working hard to ensure that we are following the guidance as set out by Ofqual (the regulator of qualifications, examinations and assessments in England) with regards to the process to follow for those learners impacted. Here is a link to the Ofqual announcement and guidance for parents and students: [Ofqual guidance for students, teachers and parents](#)

How will grades be calculated?

In the coming weeks we will be asked to send our exam board predicted grade information. This is to be based on what we know about your work and achievements towards GCSE exams. Ofqual are very clear in their guidance and instructions to us that we are only able to provide predicted grades where we have **sufficient evidence of achievement** to make an objective judgement. This evidence can be from a variety of things including classwork and homework; any results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework you might have done; and your general progress during your course.

We are writing to you today to inform you that you fall into the category where we are **unable** to make an objective judgment to submit a predicted grade to the awarding body. This could be for a variety of reasons, including length of time on programme, and/or limited attendance to GCSE lessons. If you are unsure of what these reasons might be, please contact your Centre Manager within 24 hours of receiving this letter to discuss any concerns that you have.

Where we are unable to make an informed, evidence-based judgement for a predicted grade, you will be able to continue your studies at Nova Training and will be given the opportunity to sit the retake exam in November 2020 or Summer 2021.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the content of this letter, please follow the link above to the official Ofqual announcement or contact your Centre Manager.

Regards,
Nova Training

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