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Dear Parents

## Update: Computer Science Non Examined Assessment

Following on from my parentmail in December regarding the consultation being carried out by exam boards and Ofqual over the Computer Science Non Examined Assessment I am writing to inform you all of their decision.

It has been confirmed that those students sitting their Computer Science exams in 2018 and 2019 will be required to complete one of the tasks set by their exam board to develop their understanding of high level programming. However their final grade will be determined by the performance in their exams alone.

All the students were asked to attend a brief meeting this morning to allow me to communicate the Ofqual decision to them, and explain the plan for their remaining lessons. The lessons will be now be divided to allow us to follow the exam board guidance on completing the remaining hours for the NEA task and the theory revision for the exams. The timetable for lessons and the revision clinic schedule will be communicated to the pupils in the next lesson and sent via parentmail following progress evening.

The time that we have dedicated in lessons to covering the examination content since the consultation period was announced has been incredibly productive and has as planned allowed us to focus on the mock exam feedback and to cover further theory that will support with the NEA task and final exams.

The full details of the consultation results can be found here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/672209/Decisions\\_on\\_GCSE\\_computer\\_science\\_assessments\\_regulated\\_by\\_Ofqual.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/672209/Decisions_on_GCSE_computer_science_assessments_regulated_by_Ofqual.pdf)

The Ofqual letter to students can be found here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/672113/Letter\\_to\\_students.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/672113/Letter_to_students.pdf)

The OCR frequently asked questions is available here:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/434853-programming-project-faqs.pdf>

If there are any queries in regards to the Ofqual decision I am happy to discuss at progress evening appointments or via phone or email.

Yours sincerely

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