



# St Margaret's Church of England Academy

*"Achievement by faith and work"*

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## Coronavirus: Examinations update

Good evening,

We are still in the process of digesting the news that school exams including GCSEs and A Levels will not take place in May and June as schools close due to coronavirus.

Mr Gavin Williamson (Secretary of State for Education) confirmed in the Commons today that assessments and examinations will not take place in the current academic year.

He said: "I can confirm that we will not go ahead with assessments or exams and that we will not be publishing performance tables for this academic year.

"We will work with the sector and Ofqual to ensure that children get the qualifications that they need."

Mr Boris Johnson (Prime Minister) said that the Government would ensure that in time pupils due to sit exams this summer would get the qualifications they need. He went on to say "I don't want to go into detail about when and how those qualifications will be administered, but it will be done fairly and in order to protect their interests."

We recognise that this will be a shock to our Year 11 and 13 students who have been working so hard towards their qualifications and we will do our best to support students at this time. When we have further information about this issue we will share this with you.

Please continue to reassure your son/daughter to **stay calm, stay focussed, and stay safe**. And if there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Stephen Brierley

Principal.