



# Tomlinscote School

11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofqual have recently published further guidance following their consultation concerning students in year groups other than Year 11, who were due to take GCSEs this summer. At Tomlinscote, this applies to Mandarin, Japanese, French, German and several home languages.

We have decided that centre assessed grades and ranking of students in each grade can occur for Mandarin, Japanese, French and German. In all these subjects, members of Tomlinscote teaching staff have either directly been teaching the students or regularly been assessing their work. Therefore, Tomlinscote can come to a fair and objective centre assessed grade for each student. The students will receive their grade on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Please can Mandarin and Japanese students bring their exercise books down to the school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May between 9am -11am. There will be a table in the entrance to the main hall and they can be left on it.

At Tomlinscote, there will not be centre assessed grading for home language GCSEs and consequently, students will have the opportunity to take this examination in 2021 instead. It is felt that Tomlinscote staff will not be able to provide an accurate assessment because they do not have the results of any homework assignments, mock exams and any other records of student performance concerning speaking, listening, reading or writing in the home language over the course of study.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Major  
Principal