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Dear Student

You may well have seen in the news that for the academic year 2019-20, all GCSE exams have been cancelled. Colleges, schools and sixth forms have been asked to provide a grade that they think the learner would have achieved if they had completed all their learning and sat the exam.

The Department for Education (DfE) and the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) have published details on how they intend your grade will be calculated for this academic year. The full letter from Ofqual is available on our website.

The college is working in line with the Ofqual and DfE guidance in order to provide a grade for your Biology GCSE. We have been asked to provide a grade based on your work to date and which we believe you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned. As directed by Ofqual the grades will not be shared with you at this stage and your final grade/s will be issued on Thursday 20 August 2020.

Ofqual have confirmed that there is no need for students to complete any additional work in order to help the College produce a grade. We will therefore not ask you to complete any additional work. You do not need to complete any course work or any other work which was set after the college campuses closed. If you have any doubts, or are still completing work that was set earlier in the year then please contact your tutor via their college email address.

If you wish to continue studying to improve your skills or may consider taking your GCSE at a later date you can continue to use the resources available on Moodle. Please contact your tutor if this is the case so they can support you and direct you to the most appropriate material.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact, Head of Health and Science, Helen Topliss, Helen.topliss@southessex.ac.uk.

Good luck with your future study and we look forward to welcoming you back in the future if you are continuing to study with us.

Regards

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Vice Principal (Quality and Compliance)

