Wednesday 17th January 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Please find attached a letter from Ofqual (the independent body that oversees exams in this country). It relates to your child's Computer Science GCSE and, in particular, the controlled assessment that students have recently been working on.

You may have read in the press that the integrity of this unit has been compromised by some students finding solutions on the internet, giving them an unfair advantage. Please note, there is no suggestion whatsoever that this involved any student from Lymm High School; this is a national issue, affecting everyone in the country who studies this course.

As you will see from the Ofqual letter, the decision has been made that marks from this unit will no longer count towards GCSE grades this summer. However, students still need to complete and submit the work from this unit – partly because it is an important part of their learning, but also because it would clearly be unfair if some schools who have not yet started this unit did not need to spend lesson time on it.

At Lymm High School, whilst the situation is clearly far from ideal, we are not concerned by this issue and do not see any reason why it will disadvantage our students in any way at all. However, if you do have any concerns, please do feel free to contact me.

Many thanks,

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