

16 July 2020

Dear Student,

## Advanced Level Results Day – Thursday 13 August 2020

I do hope that you and your families are well.

I appreciate that since face-to-face teaching stopped for you in March, this period of time has been challenging in many respects, not least because you were denied the opportunity to sit your final examinations or to submit final pieces of coursework. However, as you know, we have provided centre-assessed grades to the various examination boards and they will be using these submissions, alongside national data to produce a series of final calculated grades for you.

Our centre-assessed grades were agreed internally after a rigorous quality assurance process and so they are not the sole responsibility of any individual teacher. The standardisation model developed by Ofqual is statistical and may not reflect the grades that we submitted to the boards. Please note, however, that the process is consistent with the grades awarded to other cohorts in previous years and this is considered to be the fairest way of awarding final grades this year.

Ofqual has produced a short video [here](#) and an infographic [here](#) to help explain this process.

### Results Day (Thursday 13 August) - Arrangements

We have decided to issue results to you at school. Due to the social distancing requirements and the range of health and safety measures in place, results will be issued to students in small groups. Timeslots are only 10 minutes apart so students need to ensure they are outside reception at the allocated time. You will not be permitted in if you arrive at a different timeslot, and will therefore have to wait until later in the day. Students arriving too early will be asked to exit the site and return at the allocated time. Your timeslot has been emailed to you.

You are encouraged to walk or cycle to school where possible. On arrival, you will need to enter the school through the main reception. Further health and safety requirements will be in place and you will be informed of these at the time.

If you or someone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, you will not be allowed to attend the site and alternative arrangements will be made for you. Please also note that we cannot accommodate parents/carers either on site or gathering outside the school gates on Results Day.

When you leave the site, you are asked not to gather in groups but to return home.

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## Appeals

You are not able to appeal the calculated grade that you have been given on the basis that you believe that you would have achieved a higher grade had you sat the examination. Appeals can only be made for the following three very limited reasons:

1. Where the school notifies Ofqual that it has made a mistake when submitting the centre-assessed grades.
2. Where the school believes that an examination board has made an error when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade.
3. Where a student has evidence that the grading could be incorrect because of discrimination or bias.

For students who may be unhappy with their calculated grades, there will be an opportunity to sit examinations later in the Autumn Term. Please note that we may not be able to offer all examinations and we know that we will not have the capacity to offer any teaching for students who may wish to re-sit examinations, either at the school or at another centre.

## Centre-Assessed Grades

Once the final calculated grades are published, we will be comparing these to the centre-assessed grades that we submitted to the examination boards. If staff at school consider that there are reasons for making an appeal, either for a subject or an individual student (reasons 1 or 2 above), the school will process an appeal.

If you consider that there are grounds for an appeal under reason 3, you may request information from the school. You will need to make this request by completing a form which will then be considered as soon as possible after the publication of results. We will not have ability to deal with this on Results Day but the process will be explained to you on receipt of your request.

## Next Steps

As I stated in an original letter about the cancelled examinations, the over-riding priority at this stage of your education is ensuring that you can move on to the next stage of your education or employment. This remains our primary consideration and whatever your final calculated grades, members of staff will be on site to support you with your next steps.

My colleagues and I very much look forward to seeing you on Results Day; in the meantime, I wish you all a very good summer.

Yours sincerely,



**Euan Ferguson**  
Headteacher