



Thursday 20th August 2020

Year 11: Class of 2020

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we would like to extend our congratulations to you on your examination results. We know this has been a difficult time, full of uncertainty which may have made many of you feel anxious. We are sorry that you have experienced this. On a different note, it's also worth reminding you that we are proud of you, not just in terms of your academic achievements but in who you are as people and the contribution you have made to the school.

You will undoubtedly be aware of the government's latest announcement regarding GCSE results. While the picture has been ever changing, we felt it appropriate to remind you of the information we sent in March regarding how centre assessed grades were awarded by teachers.

The centre assessed grades that were submitted to the exam boards by the school were based on teacher's professional judgement of the most likely grade students would have achieved if the exams had gone ahead. The grades are based on a range of evidence including (but not limited to) both mock exams, coursework, classwork and any other record of a student's performance over the course of study.

We must also stress and reassure you that the centre assessed grades that teachers submitted in readiness for the exam boards were rooted in evidence and they were collated with integrity and professionalism. This goes without saying.

In terms of BTEC qualifications, some of our students will not see their result for these courses on their statement of results, as schools have been asked not to issue any of these. We expect them to be issued shortly and will send these to students as soon as they are available.

Our sixth form and careers team are also available and on hand should you need support, advice or guidance.

With every good wish,

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