



18<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Year 13 Students & Parents,

The past several months have been challenging times for you and your families not least the last few days. We thank you for your perseverance and level-headed attitude during this time. For those of you that have secured your progression places we offer our congratulations and sincere best wishes as you start your next step in the world.

As you will have no doubt heard the government has decided to adjust how the exam results have been awarded to students this year. Students will be awarded the highest of either the centre assessed grade or the calculated standardised grade. Both these sets of grades have been provided in the exam results packs distributed on results day and are available in the EdulinkOne app and website. The exam boards will be reissuing statement of results and exam certificates for students in due course.

The process of creating centre assessed grades was by no means a straightforward one and was carried out adhering to guidelines provided by Ofqual. Teachers and leaders were asked to take into account a wide range of data, including mock exam results, end of unit tests, classwork and professional judgement to reach a grade that represented the most likely grade the student would have achieved should they have sat the exams. This was done over several weeks in the Summer Term. There are very few avenues available to appeal these grades at the moment. The limited circumstances in which an appeal is permitted are if the school has made an administrative error when deciding or submitting the grades or if there is reason to believe someone has been discriminated against for any reason whatsoever. We will investigate these issues if they are raised with us. If it appears a grade we sent should have been different we can ask the exam boards to reconsider. If the guidance regarding appeals is to change over the coming weeks we will be in touch to let you know.

It may be that now knowing what your A Level/BTEC results are that you are considering taking the Autumn Exam Series in one or more of your subjects. If you do this the highest result you achieve either through the Autumn exams, centre assessed grades or calculated grades will stand. If you are holding a university offer this will most likely mean delaying entry until 2021. You will need to check that the university is willing to hold your place. If you would like advice about whether to sit the Autumn Exam Series for one or more of your subjects or help in preparing for it, please contact a member of the Sixth Form Team. If you do wish to sit the Autumn Exam Series please complete the following form:

[Year 13 Autumn Exam Series 2020 – Deadline 9.00am Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.](#)

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If you have a question about any aspect of this situation please don't hesitate to get in contact, details are below. If you need it, we are very much here to support you in getting started on your next step.

Yours sincerely,

Delia Martin  
Headteacher

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