



14<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

We are really looking forward to seeing our Y11 students back again and to share this important day with them. Therefore, we wanted to keep you informed of our plans for summer results day. Obviously, in the current circumstances it will be a little different than it might have been but we are determined that this will be a celebratory day.

The students can collect their results at 10.30 am on Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup> - GCSE results day.

Students will be directed to a station outside reception and these will have been identified alphabetically. A – D, E – K, L – R, S – Z or for Futures Institute students Ms Plank will be outside the dance studio.

They will be given their results in an envelope and a destinations form to complete which we must have before they leave the site.

I think it is important that you are aware how the grades have been awarded this year. It is not as simple as we tell the awarding bodies what we think (this is called the Teacher Assessed Grade) and they then say yes that's fine, it has been based on assessments which have been moderated for accuracy. I have attached a link to their website which explains how the grades have been determined. The link to the student guide is [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/98635/1/21-6780\\_Student\\_guide\\_to\\_awarding\\_in\\_summer\\_2021\\_-\\_accessible.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/98635/1/21-6780_Student_guide_to_awarding_in_summer_2021_-_accessible.pdf) Ofqual which is the organising body for exams and qualifications have ensured that the process is rigorous and based on evidence.

Should your child wish to appeal the grades that they have been assessed as achieving, then appeals forms will be available online and from the exams officer on the day. There is a limited appeal process, and this is based on if there was an error in the way the academy followed or applied its procedure for determining your teacher assessed grade, if the academy did not make a reasonable judgement when deciding which evidence to use to determine your teacher assessed grade or if the academy did not make a reasonable judgement about your grade based on the evidence gathered. Appeals need to be submitted by 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021. There is the opportunity to resit subjects in the Autumn should students wish to. In this case please speak with the exams officer about resits.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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