

Wednesday 19th August 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you and your family are well. I am writing to you following my previous letter to provide further details on the arrangements for the collection of GCSE exam results. You will have received a collection time for your child to collect results. As we are still social distancing, these appointment times will still stand.

The results will be available to collect from the double doors at the end of the canteen and will be placed in a sealed envelope. Miss Fletcher, our Head of Sixth Form will be on hand to assist any student who requires a further conversation regarding their results.

Following lots of discussion in the Media regarding GCSE results, I wanted to clarify with you again the process we have undertaken for results so far as I know that this is an anxious time for students and parents.

The information below outlines the process that we have undertaken in order to submit results for each student for each subject.

- 1) Grades and rankings entered in to our internal data system by subject teachers. Teachers were required to refer to ongoing teacher assessments, prior assessment, mock exam results, and NEA assessment.
- 2) Grades cross referenced with previous subject progress data from the academic year and intervention plans for individuals by SLT.
- 3) Heads of Department validated data for their subject staff and were questioned by SLT on accuracy of data and evidence of data
- 4) SLT checked data against 3 year trends for NUSA and nationally against any anomalies with grades forecast
- 5) All data was then reviewed by SLT
- 6) All data was then reviewed by the Executive Head with myself
- 7) Data submitted to exam boards. This data is called the 'centre assessed grade' or CAG for short.

It is important to note that the data entered by the school was going to potentially change based on the analysis completed by exam boards. However, as you will have noted from the media information, there has now been a 'u-turn' on this and it has been decided that students will receive the '**best grade**' of either the centre assessed grade (CAG) or the moderated exam board grade.

I look forward to seeing all of our wonderful students tomorrow.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school through our website or by phone/email.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School