

12<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

You will have now received your GCSE results. Congratulations! It has been a difficult year with many disruptions and your grade is a reflection on all the hard work you put in.

As you know, exams this year were cancelled by the government in January and replaced by a process of Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) in order to grade students. The TAGs we submitted were in line with our Centre Policy, which was approved by the exam boards and can be found on our website. We also had to send a sample of our evidence and grading to the exam boards as part of a quality assurance check.

If you wish to appeal your grade, you should follow the appeals process set out **on our website**. The first stage of any appeal is a Centre Review, in which we will check if any administrative or procedural errors have occurred. If students remain unhappy with the outcome of the Centre Review, they can ask that we put forward an appeal to the awarding organisation on their behalf. The deadlines for this are:

- Centre Review deadline for non-priority appeals: **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**
- Awarding Organisation deadline for non-priority appeals: **17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

We must receive a Centre Review appeal by the deadline above, before we can progress it to an awarding organisation appeal.

Priority appeals **are only for A level students** who have not met the conditional offer of their firm choice of university; in which case they should have notified their university of this. **Therefore, any GCSE appeals are termed non-priority appeals.**

**Please note that during either of the appeals stages, results could go up or down or stay the same. You will not keep the higher of the grades, and an appeal cannot be withdrawn once a decision has been made.**

Alternatively, all GCSEs can be re-taken in the autumn term.

Congratulations on your results again, and please do contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,



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