

12 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of term, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your support, particularly over the recent months of disruption caused by the pandemic.

We appreciate that our Year 11 students have experienced additional pressure this year and we have been impressed by how well they have coped with the challenges – taking responsibility for their learning during the school closures and showing resilience during our recent school tests. This helped to ensure they continued to make progress and, importantly, gave us the evidence we needed to determine their GCSE and BTEC grades.

Before submitting grades to the exam boards last month, we considered a wide range of evidence, which we discussed with your child. This included their class work, homework, projects and assignments, mock exams and the further tests held this term, so that the grades they receive this summer accurately and consistently reflect their performance. Every grade was moderated – using the same process - within each subject department, and across the school and Trust, and the Principal personally confirmed each one before it was submitted to the exam board on 18 June. The boards themselves are now carrying out a further verification process before issuing results on Thursday 12 August.

This year we are sending the results to all students by email, using school email addresses. It will still be possible to collect paper copies of results in person at the designated times, from the Sixth Form block by the school gates. Senior staff will be available to support students and give advice on next steps, should that be needed. In the event that you believe an error has been made with a grade, or have another concern, please contact Mrs Carpenter, the Examinations Manager, who will be able to discuss this with you and to explain the [steps to making an appeal that the Joint Council for Qualifications \(JCQ\) has set out this year](#) (see page 8), should that be required.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely



Mr N D Owen
Principal



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Examinations Manager