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Dear Year 11 Student

GCSE Exam Results Day – Thursday 20th August 2020

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for this year's GCSE Results Day which, as you will appreciate, will be different from previous years.

Due to health and safety considerations, please collect your results during the time slot below, based on the first letter of your surname. This is so that we can ensure adequate social distancing for all staff and students involved. The timings for the day are as follows:

- 9.00a.m. A to B
- 9.15a.m. C to D
- 9.30a.m. E to G
- 9.45a.m. H to J
- 10a.m. K to L
- 10.15a.m. M
- 10.30a.m. N to R
- 10.45a.m. S to T
- 11.00a.m. U to Z

Please arrive just before or at your allotted time and wait outside the Main Hall. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines and wait for instructions from the member of staff on duty.

If you are unable to collect your examination results on the 20th August, we will post them first class on the same day. If you wish for someone to collect them on your behalf, they must have a copy of your written permission to collect. Please note that we are unable to email results.

Final Grades and Centre-Assessment Grades

On Results Day you will receive the **final grades** for each of your subjects as issued by the examination boards (awarding body). These grades have been moderated by the examination boards to ensure that they are in line with the national performance of all students in 2020, as well as previous results for subjects within East Leake Academy. This will ensure that grades achieved in 2020 have equal value to those achieved by students in previous years. A summary of this process, as outlined by Ofqual, is included at the end of this letter for your information. Should you wish to see the grades that the academy submitted to the examination boards, you will be able to request these by emailing rstephen@eastleake-ac.org.uk following Results Day.

Concerns about a Grade

If you have a concern about a grade you have been awarded, you can:

- ask East Leake Academy to check whether an error was made when submitting your centre assessment grade and rank order to the awarding body.
- raise a complaint with East Leake Academy if you feel you have evidence of bias or that you were discriminated against.
- ask East Leake Academy to obtain any information the awarding body holds in relation to how your final grade was calculated.
- ask East Leake Academy to provide information about the opportunity to take an exam in the autumn series.

Please contact Mr Jackson at exams@eastleake-ac.org.uk if you wish to discuss any of the points above.

Arrangements for Appeals

The arrangements for awarding qualifications in summer 2020 state:

- Candidates can appeal their grades through East Leake Academy if they feel the process this summer was not followed correctly in their case.
- A candidate can ask East Leake Academy to appeal on their behalf to an awarding body if there is evidence that leads a candidate to believe:
 - the centre made an error when submitting a centre assessment grade or rank order information.
 - an awarding body made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade.
- A candidate can lodge an internal appeal against East Leake Academy's decision:
 - not to seek any information the awarding body holds that would be needed for an appeal; and/or
 - not to appeal to the awarding body

A candidate cannot:

- appeal against their centre assessment grades and position in the rank order
- appeal in respect of the process or procedure used by East Leake Academy in calculating centre assessment grades and position in the rank order
- appeal directly in any respect to the awarding body

Full details about the appeal process can be found on the UK government website:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-publishes-more-details-on-appeals-and-confirms-autumn-exam-arrangements>

The National Careers Service Exam Results Helpline (<https://www.gov.uk/careers-helpline-for-teenagers>) offers advice each year for students who have not received the results they had hoped for. Ofqual will also make a helpline available to students and their parents or carers to talk about the appeals process and any other questions they may have about their results this summer.

I look forward to seeing you on GCSE Results Day on the 20th August.

Yours faithfully,



Mr T. Jackson

Vice Principal

Process for awarding GCSEs, AS and A levels summer 2020

Step 1 - School or college considers and submits centre assessment grade and rank order information

For each student for each subject

Centre assessment grade based on evidence of performance

For example

A level geography

Any non-exam assessment work

Classwork

Homework

Mock exams

Other relevant evidence

Position in rank order of students on that grade

Grade A

Grade B



Step 2 - Exam boards standardise grades using statistical model developed with Ofqual

For each subject



Statistical standardisation

What results might the school or college be most likely to achieve given the following?

- previous national results in the subject
- the prior attainment of its students this year compared to previous years
- the school or college results in recent years

Centre assessment grade

Rank order



If grades are generous, adjust grades down

Calculated grade



If grades are severe, adjust grades up

Calculated grade

