

12th August 2020

Dear Students and Parents,

Re: A level, vocational and GCSE grading

I wrote to you at the end of the summer term regarding how exam courses will be graded this year. The school has gone through a rigorous process to put forward to exam boards Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) and these go through a moderation process by Ofqual to produce results. We were told, in Ofqual's guidance, not to share CAGs with you.

There is no ability for individual students to appeal their grades. The guidance can be found here <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/appeal-arrangements-for-as-a-levels-and-gcses">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/appeal-arrangements-for-as-a-levels-and-gcses</a>.

We have had advice that, under GDPR laws, once the results are released we should share these CAGs with you if you request them. We have decided to make the CAGs available to you through go4schools from 8am tomorrow so you are able to see what we believed, on evidence, your result was most likely to be.

Last night the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, announced that mock exam grades may be used as a basis for appeal, by the school, against lower grades awarded. We await the substance of this announcement and any process we may need to follow. We will appeal on your behalf if your mock grades are below those awarded.

I believe that the CAGs should have been used as the basis of the results. Last night's decision is clearly a political one so if you agree that CAGs should be honoured, please contact your MP, Henry Smith <a href="henry.smith.mp@parliament.uk">henry.smith.mp@parliament.uk</a> to tell him this.

I apologise if this all seems chaotic, these changes are very late and not at all clear.

Kind regards,

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