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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 13 Students,

I am writing to you because the Government has made further changes to the system for awarding A Level results this year.

This afternoon, the Government announced that students will now be awarded Centre Assessment Grades (Teacher Assessed Grades) for all A Level examinations. The grades your child was awarded last Thursday on results day have been changed to the grades your child was awarded by the school. Unfortunately, this change will not apply to Applied (e.g. BTEC) qualifications.

This means that your son/daughter has an opportunity to review and possibly improve on the university course they have been offered:

- If your child is currently in Clearing, we suggest that they take this opportunity to review the website and review which courses are now available with higher UCAS tariff points.
- If your child secured an insurance offer in Clearing, they may also be able to upgrade their university choice.

In order to upgrade, your child should:

1. Log onto their UCAS account and use the UCAS website to search for vacancies under clearing or adjustment [both will take you to the same vacancies]
2. Call these universities
3. If they are offered a place make sure they note down the name of the person they spoke to
4. Reject any offers held on UCAS Track. Your child may have to call the university and ask them to be “released”. This is because students are automatically bound to a contract when they accept an offer; consequently they may need to request to be released.
5. Wait for the new offer to be uploaded and accept it
6. Email Ms Zaraat and Mr Rayleigh to make them aware of any changes.

If a university wants the school to verify any information please email Ms Zaraat and Mr Rayleigh with the following information:

- UCAS ID number
- a picture of their tracker with Centre Assessment Grades
- the course being applied for



I fully appreciate that these Government changes have been frustrating and potentially disheartening, but today's announcement is excellent news for the many students who deserve to be appropriately rewarded for all their hard work throughout A Levels over the last two years.

Yours sincerely,



Mr McKenna
HEADTEACHER

