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Dear Parent/Carer

As previously communicated, we are sharing with you our approach to appeals as part of the Summer 2021 TAG (Teacher Assessed Grade) process.

We are confident that we have run the process in full accordance with JCQ and DFE guidance and that the grades awarded to all students are robust, fair, accurate and based on the evidence that exists. We have taken full account of any appropriate mitigating circumstances or needs when determining grades. The process has undergone a series of robust checks at all levels to ensure accuracy and compliance to the guidance that has been led by Teachers, Faculty Leaders, Senior Leadership Team and ultimately signed off by myself as Head of Centre. I have also been present at all final TAG meetings along with Ms Hubbard to ensure the process has been followed.

We are confident we have done all we can in these circumstances to award grades in the system that has been put in place this year for our students.

We know some students may wish to appeal their final grades and as such there is again a nationally agreed appeals process as laid down by JCQ. The full guidance can be found here:

https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/JCQ_Appeals-Guidance_Summer-2021.pdf

We have outlined our approach on the attached document and this makes clear the steps that must be undertaken to appeal a grade at our centre and the process by which this is done.

So as to ensure all appeals are dealt with effectively and efficiently we ask all parents and students to only use the process outlined within this communication . Teaching staff are not part of the appeals process and as such should not be contacted to discuss TAG grades. Adherence to this process will ensure the process is fair but also manageable at a school level.

As always thank you for your ongoing support through these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher