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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well.

As you know, grades this summer for Year 13 students are based on Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). We submitted TAGs to the exam boards by the 18th June following a rigorous process of assessment, moderation and quality assurance in school. These grades have since been approved by the relevant exam boards, following external quality assurance checks and the final grades will be awarded to students in the summer. Therefore, please find below some information for parents and carers regarding Results Day and the appeals process this year.

Results Day

The Results Day for Year 13 students is **Tuesday 10th August, 2021**. Students are very welcome to come into school to collect their results on this day **from 8.30am**.

We want students to be able to collect their results in person and to be around many of their friends to celebrate their results. However, given the current high rate of COVID-19 cases in the country and the North-east of England, to ensure the health and safety of all of our students and staff, **we will be limiting access to the school building on this day to students only. Parents, Carers, other family members and friends will not be able to access the building.** This will ensure that the number of people in the building is limited to help keep everyone safe. The number of staff in school will also be reduced compared to normal years and it will effectively be a small group of senior and admin staff needed to ensure a safe and secure results morning.

Students should only attend school to collect their results if they are well. **Students who have any COVID-19 symptoms should not attend school** and instead, should use the school admin email address to request that their results are emailed to them.

Given the government continues to recommend that people wear face masks in crowded or enclosed spaces, **we would ask that all students wear a face mask** when they enter the school building on Results Day, as social distancing may not be possible.

On this day, **students will be able to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if they need any support at all. UCAS advice will also be available from Mr McKeating or Mr Turnbull.** Following this letter, Mr McKeating will also send parents, carers and students further information regarding the UCAS process, including the UCAS Clearing process.

Appeals process

Students are able to appeal their grade, if they believe their grade is incorrect. There are two stages to the JCQ appeals process and we have summarised the stages in the attached [flowchart](#), for your information.

The flowchart and the [Frequently Asked Questions](#), also attached, outline the possible grounds for appeal, provide details regarding the two stages of appeal, as well as a note of the online forms that students will need to complete to take forward a Stage 1 Centre Review or a Stage 2 Exam Board Appeal. A student cannot move to a Stage 2 appeal, without first completing a Stage 1 appeal. Please take particular note of the deadlines outlined on the flowchart. **Students should be aware that if they appeal their grade, their grade could go up, stay the same or go down.** Only Year 13 students who have missed their firm or insurance offer at university are classed as a priority appeal.

We look forward to seeing your son/daughter on the 10th August and celebrating their results with them.

Very best wishes,

Miss Patterson
Headteacher