Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, we would just like to say how immensely proud we are of how well the year group behaved and acted during the exam season. It may now seem a long way away and I am sure your child would like to forget about exams for a few months but we thought we should outline the next steps in the process.

The exam results are released for collection from the school on **Thursday 17th August** for A Level exams. Please see the <u>letter</u> that was sent out earlier in the term with the arrangements for results day.

As per normal procedures, I, and members of the Sixth Form Leadership Team, will be available throughout the morning and early afternoon to help with any queries.

For those looking forward to entering Higher Education, you will be able to access your UCAS Hub and application from 08:15. If you receive grades that meet the conditions of the offer from your firm choice of university, then your place is secured.

If your grades do not meet the conditions of your firm choice, the following outcomes could apply:

- Your firm choice could show flexibility and confirm your place, even though your grades are lower than the conditions initially set out. We can help you check this on results day and offer support in contacting the university.
- If your firm choice does not accept you but you have met the grades for your insurance then your insurance choice is confirmed, there could possibly be some flexibility here.
- If neither your firm or insurance accept you, then you're eligible for 'clearing' further details on clearing can be found here. The main point is to not panic if you find yourself in this situation. We will be here to offer advice and guidance on finding the best fit for you.
- Although you will be able to view available courses and contact universities directly throughout the day, you will not be allowed to add your Clearing choice until 15.00.

UCAS will also be offering support throughout the summer. From 5th July, they will be sending emails personalised to your application status with all the information and advice you require. Moreover, throughout the summer you will find the latest information, advice and guidance across the UCAS social channels and in the UCAS Hub, with specific updates from universities, careers advisers, mental health ambassadors and fellow students.

The Exam Results helpline will be available to help young people (and their parents or carers) receiving exam results in August. Furthermore, student mental health charity, Student Minds, have set up Studentspace.org.uk making it easier for students to explore a range of trusted information and advice, should they need it.

We have every confidence that all students will get the results they expect and require, but if your child thinks their grading is incorrect, there are some options and on the day staff will be available to give advice on whether a Post Results Service would possibly be advantageous.

The Post Results Service has two main services available - a **Review of Results** (RoRs) and **Access to Scripts** (ATS). For more information on what these entail, the costs involved and the documentation to complete please go to the exams page of the school website <u>Examinations | Simon Balle</u> <u>All-through School</u>

Please note that only the school can submit a Post Results Service request to an awarding body. They do not accept requests directly from students or parents/guardians. If you do wish to use the Post Results Service all of the required paperwork must be emailed to exams@simonballe.herts.sch.uk before the published deadlines and we can only process requests once payment via ParentPay has been received.

We look forward to welcoming the students back in school on results day and wish you an enjoyable summer.

Kind regards

Mike Moss - Deputy Head Teacher