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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Re: Examination Results Day

We hope that all our families and students are well at this time.

We look forward to welcoming students back on to school site to collect their results in person on:

- Tuesday 10th August for Year 13
- Thursday 12th August for Year 11

Students should arrive on site between 9:00am and 11:00am via the main entrance gate. Results will be shared with students in the Pope Francis Hall and staff will be available on site to support with next steps and destinations. Due to Covid-19, we are asking that students are only accompanied onto the school site by one adult. Masks, unless exempt should be worn whilst inside the Pope Francis Hall to support with minimising transmission. We have planned a one-way route into the Pope Francis to accommodate and support social distancing.

It is important the students recognise how grades were awarded this year. Grades were based on Teacher Assessed Grades. These grades were submitted to the exam boards by the school as an assessment of students' performance in a subject, following a rigorous process of assessment, moderation and quality assurance which included anonymised marking and moderation. The final grades were then approved by the relevant exam board, following external quality assurance checks under the guidance of the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ).

In some cases, grades were submitted with evidence to the exam boards for quality assurance purposes. It is important to note that this year, grades have not been changed as a result of an algorithm and remain a reflection of the evidence that we have collected and moderated from each student.

We hope that students are happy with the grades they have been awarded and see them as a reflection of the assessments produced in preparation for the grades. Students do have the opportunity to appeal their grade if they feel they meet the eligibility criteria; details of which can be found in the link below which can also be found on our website:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

Before students submit a centre review (stage 1) or an appeal request (stage 2) they must read the guidance from JCQ to check they have met the criteria very carefully. It is important to note that this year, a students' grade can stay the same as well as go both up and down in the event of an appeal. For students wishing to submit a centre review or an appeal, they must complete an appeal form and sign the declaration confirming they understand that the reviewed grade may be lower than the original teacher assessed grade. Once you have submitted an appeal you can only withdraw your request if the centre has not yet acted on it and you will not be in a position to revert to your original grade.



Should you have any concerns about your grades, please speak to a member of staff on the day and we will support you in your next steps. On results days, staff will be available to support students in ensuring next steps for destinations and ongoing plans. Scott Thornton, Careers Advisor from Prospects will also be available to support wherever necessary.

If students feel that they have not met their potential with their confirmed grades, there is an opportunity to sit formal exams in the autumn as below:

<i>Level of Exam</i>	<i>Subjects available</i>	<i>Period when exams take place</i>
<i>A-Level</i>	<i>All A-Level subjects</i>	<i>October 4th to October 22nd</i>
<i>GCSE</i>	<i>English Language and Mathematics</i>	<i>November 1st to November 8th</i>
<i>GCSE</i>	<i>Other GCSE subjects</i>	<i>November 15th to December 3rd</i>

If we need to make any changes to the plans for the Results Days in light of Covid-19, we will write to advise you before Monday 9th August with updated arrangements.

Please take care of yourselves during the summer holiday. We hope you have a wonderful break and we very much look forward to seeing you soon and celebrating your successes in what has been a tumultuous time in education. Should you have any questions please contact Mr Versey on nicholas.versey@cncs.school

Yours faithfully



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