

Dear parents and carers,

As we near the end of term, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your support, particularly over the recent months of disruption caused by the pandemic.

I appreciate our year 11 students have experienced additional pressure this year but I have been impressed by how well they have coped with the challenges – taking responsibility for their learning during the school closures and showing resilience during our recent school tests. This helped to ensure they continued to make progress and, importantly, gave us the evidence we needed to determine their GCSE grades.

Before submitting grades to the exam boards last month, we considered a wide range of evidence, which we discussed with your child. This included their class work, homework, projects and assignments, mock exams and the further tests held this term, so that the grades they receive this summer accurately and consistently reflect their performance. Every grade was moderated – using the same process - within each subject department, and across the school and trust; and Mr Mitchell (Principal) and I personally confirmed each one before it was submitted to the exam board on 18 June. The boards themselves are now carrying out a further verification process before issuing **results on Thursday 12th August**.

School will be open on results day, from 10:00 to 12:00, with staff available to support students and give advice on next steps, should that be needed. The senior leadership team and I will also be available to help with any questions you, or your child, may have. In the event that you believe an error has been made with a grade, or have another concern, please speak to a senior colleague or me. We will be happy to discuss this with you and to explain the [steps to making an appeal that the Joint Council for Qualifications \(JCQ\) has set out this year](#) (see page 8), should that be required.

If you are unavailable on August 12th for any reason we will hold on to your results and you can call to arrange collection from September 1st when we are back in school.

I hope to see you in school in August. Until then, my best wishes for an enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards

Mrs F Gwynnette
Assistant Principal – Student Progress