

11th June 2020

Dear Students

I am writing to you today with information regarding GCSE results and Year 11 Post 16 progression arrangements. Whilst some plans await further government guidance before they can be confirmed, I hope you will find this letter useful in terms of understanding where we are with our planning.

Centre Assessed Grades

We have now completed the Centre Assessed Grades process and your grades have been submitted to the exam boards.

I want to assure you that we have followed a very detailed, fair and rigorous process to determine these grades. This process was carefully considered and ratified by the school governors.

We have used comprehensive information regarding your progress throughout your GCSE studies and are confident the grades we have submitted, based on all the information we hold, provides a true reflection of this progress.

Based on these Centred Assessed Grades, the exam boards now have the ultimate decision regarding the final grades you will achieve.

As I outlined in my previous letter, we are not allowed to discuss Centre Assessed Grades with you.

GCSE Results

GCSE results will be available on Thursday 20th August. We hope, by then, to be able to give you your results in person, however, this will depend upon COVID-19 and further government guidance. In terms of post results support, we are determined that you will be able to receive all the advice and guidance you need regarding your Post 16 progression following the release of these results even if this must be provided by email and phone calls. We are also liaising with the Connexions Service to ensure students who need additional advice are able to receive it.

We will write to you with more information about the distribution of GCSE grades and the advice and guidance available to you, later in the term.

Post 16 Progression

Regarding Sixth Form Enrolment, again, we hope to be able to do this face to face. However, if this is not possible, we are already planning a remote process that will be both thorough and allow all students the opportunity to discuss their options with a senior member of staff. We will write to you with further information regarding our Sixth Form enrolment plans later in the term.

For students not joining our Sixth Form I hope you will have already received information from your Post 16 provider. If this is not the case, I would advise you to contact them as a matter of urgency to clarify your next

steps. If this is proving difficult or you are concerned about any aspect of your future progression please contact Miss Welch (Head of Year) in the first instance.

Year 11 WBHS Sixth Form Tasks

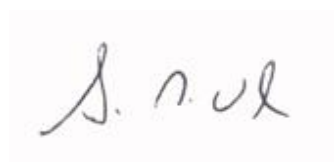
I hope you continue to find these tasks useful in preparing you for your Post 16 studies at Whitley Bay High Sixth Form. As I have said in a previous letter, they may even help you decide between courses where you are still considering your options. Please keep any work you complete in relation to these tasks, as this will prove helpful when you start the Sixth Form.

Concluding Comments

It seems very strange to be writing to you at a time when, had things been normal, you would have been in the middle of your GCSE exams.

Please continue to take care and I hope to see you in the near future.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher