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Dear Parents/Carers

School Closure: Examination Results

I hope that you and your families remain safe and well.

Following the submission of estimated grades by schools earlier this month Ofqual released a statement on 30th June outlining arrangements for appeals this summer and decisions on GCSE, AS and A level autumn examinations. The two key decisions communicated in this statement were:

- 1) Students will not be able to appeal the grades that they are awarded. The following reasons for this decision are given in Ofqual's statement:

"When consulting on this summer's arrangements, we considered carefully opportunities for a student to challenge their centre assessment grades and position in their centre's rank order. On balance, we decided it would not be in the interests of students or the fairness of the arrangements overall. Any appeal would have to be undertaken by someone better placed than the student's teachers to judge their likely grade if exams had taken place – in the unique circumstances of this summer, we do not believe there is any such person. In addition, because of the role of the rank order in grading this year, such an appeal would have implications for other students in the cohort: if one student successfully appealed against their position in the rank order, it would have negative implications for other students who would, in turn, need to be given an opportunity to appeal."

- 2) A full suite of examinations will be held in October for AS and A levels and for GCSEs in November. These examinations are being offered for students that do not receive a calculated grade this summer, and for students seeking to improve their calculated grade. Grades awarded for these examinations will be based on exam performance alone, with no non-exam assessment (with the exception of Art and Design). Guidance on entering for these examinations will be available in September.

Results will be issued for Year 13 on Thursday 13th August. Results may be collected in person by students from Old Hall between 9.00am and 12.00pm. We will require students to maintain safe social distancing at all times. Students should enter via the main reception entrance and will be directed accordingly.

Results will be issued for **Year 11 on Thursday 20th August.** Arrangements for collecting results will be the same as those given above for Year 13. There will be the opportunity to enrol in Westwood Sixth Form on the day, as well as the chance to talk to and seek advice from teachers.



Our independent careers advisor Alex Kenneth will also be available on both days to support students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Taylor', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Mr M Taylor
Headteacher