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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 Students,

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are modifying how GCSE Results Day will happen this year. Whereas normally students would be welcome to the school to collect their results, this is something that we cannot offer whilst following government guidelines about maintaining social distancing. This letter will detail how Results Day 2020 will work for our students.

Results

GCSE results will be emailed to the student's school email address between 8am-9am on Results Day (20th August 2020). Results cannot be emailed any earlier than that, as per the JCQ regulations. The only email address we can use is the child's school email address, so please make sure that they have access to this account before Tuesday 21st July (the last day of term). We will be sending a test email to them at 9.00am on Thursday morning, so if your child does not receive an email, please get in touch. If you have any IT issues that you already know will prevent this please ring the school on 01362 697033 to discuss this.

Centre Assessed Grades

As you will be aware, this year the GCSE examinations were cancelled and instead schools and colleges were asked to provide "centre assessed grades" to the exam boards. The centre assessed grades were formulated by a wide variety of data including mock results, in-class performance, any coursework that had been completed and target and forecast grades. The students were then ranked within their grade from highest to lowest attainment. This data was sent to the exam boards, who applied a standardisation process using their own algorithms to adjust any grades they deemed necessary. It is important, therefore, to note that results on your results slips **are not necessarily those that were awarded by the teachers at Northgate**, and that the exam boards could have made adjustments. The grades in the email you receive will be your final grades. We have attached an infographic from Ofqual to help you understand the process behind the awarding of GCSE grades this year.

Advice & Support – Face to Face Appointments

We understand that some of our students will still want or need some support after receiving their GCSE Results. Therefore we will be setting up an online booking system where students can arrange to see a Head of Department at Northgate High School if they feel they need to talk through a particular result. Without an online booking being made, students will not be able to enter the school site. It is important to note also that the session will be for students to discuss their options and to seek support – we cannot arrange appointments for parents to visit the school without their child. Further details on how to use the online booking system will be sent out by mid-August.



Dereham Sixth Form College

If you have already applied to Dereham Sixth Form College you will shortly receive communication about how to contact them on results day to confirm your place. If you didn't previously apply then it is not too late and on results day you can contact us to discuss your new options.

Appeals Process

At the moment, the appeals process for Summer 2020 has yet to be confirmed by Ofqual. We will make these available to you once they have been finalised.

We understand that this has been a very stressful end to the students' Year 11. We will be trying our best to make sure that this Results Day is as smooth, safe and informative as it possibly can be and appreciate your cooperation with this.

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