



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carers and Students in Year 11 and Year 13

I hope you and your families are well and are enjoying the summer.

In advance of the publication of A level and GCSE results in August, I want to provide you with some information about how final grades have been awarded and to reassure you that although the examination awarding process being employed this year is complex and very different to previous years, the process has been undertaken with an extremely high degree of rigour. I would also like to remind you about our arrangement for Results Days in August.

Final Grade Awarding Process:

The school was required to submit Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) to the examination boards. The CAGs were agreed by the school following a very robust internal quality assurance process both at individual departmental level and then in conjunction with the Senior Leadership Team.

On receipt of the school's CAGs, a statistical standardisation process developed by the examinations regulator, Ofqual, was applied by each examination board to ensure that grades awarded in 2020 are consistent with those awarded to other cohorts in other examination years. Ofqual stated that this was the fairest possible approach available to them under what were very extreme and unprecedented circumstances and that the rigorous nature of this approach will ensure that grades awarded this year are as valid as in any other year. This is something that Ofqual believes is essential in preserving the integrity of and the confidence in the examinations system.

Ofqual have made it clear that the standardisation model applied is likely to result in some differences between CAGs awarded by schools and the final grade awarded by the examination board. This is why Ofqual instructed schools that under no circumstances were they to share CAGs with students or parent/carers ahead of results days in August as ultimately it is the examination board, and not the school, that determines a student's final grade.

Results Day:

You have already received some information about our arrangements for managing A level Results Day on Thursday 13th August and GCSE Results Day on Thursday 20th August. A copy of this communication can be found at <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/examinations-information>.

Each day has been planned carefully to ensure that each student receives the necessary level information, advice, guidance and support that will allow them to progress to the next stage of their education and lives in a normal way.

Finally I would like to finish by reassuring you all once again that the school will do everything it possibly can to support your son/daughter as they progress onto the next stage of their education and the next stage of their lives.

Best wishes to you all

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