



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents,

## Year 11 Results 2020

Firstly, we need to start by reiterating what an honour it has been to work with your children over the last five years and to see them grow and blossom as individuals. We know that they have been denied the last 6 months of their 'normal' schooling with us, and all the events and experiences that would have entailed. Nonetheless, as we have already said, we know that the time they did have with us will enable all of them to embrace whatever challenges lay ahead. We will continue to work with them for as long as they need us and we are here for them at any point in the future if they may need us again. They will still be a member of our school family.

### **What results have we received?**

The results they receive today have now been confirmed as the 'Centre Assessed Grades' (CAGs) that were produced and moderated by us and submitted earlier this year. They are not 'Teacher Assessed Grades'.

### **How have the CAGs been produced?**

Initially, we asked their teachers to estimate a final grade for each student.

In order to do this, teachers were asked to consider a wide range of factors. These included how each student had been working in class, any assessments they had completed over the whole of their GCSE studies (of which their practice exams were one element) and the potential they had shown for their end of course assessments, if they had taken place as usual.

As a 'centre' we then moderated these grades using the formulas we had been provided with. We worked hard to get these as close to the final grades that we thought would be awarded, once the exam boards had applied their own statistical formulas.

We spent a lot of time trying to make sure we had been realistic and that we hadn't over or underestimated the grades.

### **What has changed?**

The Government have now decided that the grades we awarded at the end of our internal moderation process (the ones we submitted) will be the grades you receive. The only change that has been applied is where they had assessed that the grades we awarded were not quite high enough. This has happened in a very few cases.

All things considered, we feel that these are a fair set of grades overall.

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### **What if I am not happy with my grades?**

Please do not contact individual teachers.

If your son/daughter has a concern about a grade they have been awarded, they can ask Mrs Miller Exams Officer, email [n.miller@tarletonacademy.org](mailto:n.miller@tarletonacademy.org) to:

- check whether an error was made when submitting your centre assessment grade and rank order to the awarding body
- raise a complaint with Mrs Miller Exams Officer, email [n.miller@tarletonacademy.org](mailto:n.miller@tarletonacademy.org) in the first instance if they feel they have evidence of bias or that they were discriminated against; they could also pass such evidence on to the awarding body who could investigate for potential malpractice
- seek any information the awarding body holds in relation to how your final grade was calculated
- provide information about the opportunity to take an exam in the autumn series or in summer 2021

### **Post 16 Destinations**

We are delighted that the vast majority of our students have more than enough to enable them to take up the destinations they have applied for. Some of them may even be able to aspire for higher level courses/apprenticeships than they originally considered. If they want advice on this, then let us know. Alternatively, they can follow this up via the leaflet that is in your pack: 'Do you need any more help or advice after Results Day?'

If the grades they have received mean that they can't go on to their chosen route, then we should already be following this up with your son/daughter. If we haven't contacted them within 24 hours of them receiving these results, then please encourage them to email us via [enquiries@tarletonacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@tarletonacademy.org)

In the meantime, our students have so much to be proud of and we want you to join us in reminding them that their exam grades are simply a stepping stone to the next stage of life and the adventures ahead. They are not the sum total of who they are as a person, but they should be proud nonetheless.

We want them to be kind, look after themselves and others and make good choices always.

Our very best of wishes,

*Mrs Gwinnett and all the staff here at school and across the Trust.*