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Dear Parents

By now you will be aware that the Government has said that GCSE students will receive their centre assessed grades on Thursday 20th August. This has been a particularly anxious time for all students receiving exam results this summer.

We will be issuing the centre assessed grades according to the timetable published on the 29th June.

Results will be issued from the gym. When students arrive, they should make their way to the top playground where staff will direct them to the correct entrance

Tutor Group	Arrive to collect results anytime between
11Ca	9.00-9.20am
11Cl	9.30-9.50am
11Do	10.00-10.20am
11Mg	10.30-10.50am
11Mt	11.00-11.20am
11St	11.30-11.50am
11Te	12.00-12.20pm
11Vp	12.30-12.50pm

As you are aware social distancing measures are still in place which limits the number of people that can meet in one place. In addition, for staff the school is a working environment over the holiday. Results day is normally celebratory for both students and parents; this starts in school. Sadly, this is not possible this year. I would respectfully ask parents to remain in their cars in the school car parks whilst students collect results.

Mrs Bonnington and other members of the Senior Leadership Team will be available throughout the morning and early afternoon to help with any queries. If you wish to speak with a member of staff please wait on the tennis courts adjacent to the gym at the end of each timed session.

The centre assessed grades are the most likely results for the vast majority of GCSEs. At the time of writing, there is some uncertainty over what will be issued by the exam boards on Thursday 20th August. The statement released by the DfE on Monday evening was contradicted by the Secretary of State for Education this morning. It is possible that nothing further will be released by the exam boards until next week.





We also understand that if a student's exam board calculated grades were higher than the centre assessment grade, their calculated grade will stand. In effect, this mean the results published by the school on Thursday will be the minimum a student can expect to receive. Until the exam board issue the official grades it is difficult to know how many will increase. If the exam board grades are not available on Thursday 20th, we will post these out later.

This has been a very challenging period for you all - we are sorry that students did not get the chance to sit their public examinations, but we want you to know that we recognise how hard they worked and we hope that they will reap the benefits of their hard work when they receive their results.

We also look forward to seeing as many Year 11 students as possible on Thursday and then back in September as Oaklands Sixth Form College students. My letter of 29th June provides further information related to Sixth Form enrolment. Please follow this link.

The digital Sixth Form enrolment form can be found on our website by following this link

In addition to any conversations you may need to have on Thursday 20th, the Sixth Form team will also be available on Friday 21st August from 9.30am until 12.00noon. As teachers familiar with your centre assessed grades, please be assured that we will be flexible in our provision of places for all those who wish to enrol.

The start of the College term is provisionally planned for Thursday 3rd September 2020 at 9.00am, subject to further Government guidance.

Whatever destination students are moving on to, we wish you all 'good luck' for the next stage in your journey.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Quinn **Headteacher**