



30th June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Now that the GCSE examinations have been completed, I thought it would be useful to remind you of changes to grading and examinations in advance of results day on Thursday 24th August 2017.

As you will be aware, GCSEs in both English and Maths will be graded on a new scale of 9 to 1, with 9 the highest grade. All other GCSE subjects for current Year 11 will be graded A* to G as now; BTEC subjects continue to be graded Distinction*, Distinction, Merit or Pass.

The new 9-1 grade scale will not be directly equivalent to the existing A*- G one. However, to be fair to the students and to give meaning to the new grades, it has recently been decided that there will be some comparable points between the old grades and the approach used to awarding will ensure that in the first year of a new qualification:

- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as currently achieve a grade A and above;
- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above;
- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 1 and above as currently achieve a grade G and above;

The government has also recently defined a grade 4 as a 'standard' pass. Where employers, colleges and universities currently accept a grade C, the government expects them to continue recognising a grade 4.

I hope this gives you further clarity regarding what to expect, particularly in English and Maths, on results day. **A reminder that students can pick up their results from the Main Hall on Thursday 24th August 2017 from 10:00am until 12:30pm.** Only students are able to collect their examination results. Should they be unable to collect their results in person and wish for a family member (over the age of 18) to collect on their behalf, we will require written consent from the student and suitable ID to be provided in order for this to take place. Without this the results will not be given.

Should it be necessary for the results to be posted, we will require written confirmation of this request from the student; this must be given to the Examinations Officer prior to the results being published. A self-addressed envelope must also be provided with a stamp along with the letter.

The Examinations Officer (Mrs Brown) will be in on results day and from 10:00am until 12:00pm on Friday 25th August 2017 to deal with any queries in relation to students results.

Yours sincerely

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