



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Year 11 students

I do hope despite all that is going on in the world at the moment you have managed to have enjoyable summer so far. However, I know you will all be nervously awaiting Thursday and the awarding of your GCSE results. Every year as results day approaches we all feel a sense of excitement, some anxiety and anticipation. However, this year these emotions are heightened due to circumstances and even more so since A levels were awarded last week and the statistical model Ofqual implemented – I'm sure you will have seen some of the press coverage.

At the time of writing this letter, what we know for Thursday is the following:

- Hopefully you will be pleased with your set of grades and can celebrate accordingly.
- If you are not happy with any grades, if your mock exam result was higher than the grade awarded, then we can appeal this grade and your higher mock grade should be instated. However, we are awaiting further guidance on the exact system for this appeal.
- If you still feel either the awarded grade or your mock grade do not reflect your ability in that subject, then you can sit an exam in the Autumn.

I am writing to reassure you that we remain hopeful that the results you receive on Thursday will be a true reflection of your ability, and if we feel you have been unfairly graded we stand ready to support you in claiming the grades that you deserve. I also repeat the promise that I made to you as school closed – you have a place in the Sixth form at HGS, no matter what your results are. We know you, we know what you are capable of and will ensure you are on the courses that will help you to progress, regardless of the outcome of an algorithm.

I am delighted to be able to open the school on results day to allow you to collect your results in person if you wish to. Our experience in doing this for the collection of A Level results, in contrast to many other local schools and colleges, was very positive in allowing us to celebrate together, and in some cases to provide support and guidance where results were not as expected.

To allow this to happen, we all need to work together to keep each other safe. For this reason, we are, as you know, operating staggered collection times. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before your allocated time as these timings will help everyone to maintain social distancing. Each form group has an arrival time as follows:

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11B1	8:00am	11H1	9:00am
11B2	8:15am	11H2	9:15am
11C1	8:30am	11P1	9:30am
11C2	8:45am	11P2	9:45am

We must also ask that anyone who accompanies you to collect your results waits outside the building, preferably waiting in the car, the MUGA car park is available. Please bring a face covering with you to wear in the building as well, in line with government requirements.

Entry to the school will be through main reception. You will then be directed to the Sports Hall to collect your results. There will be a one-way system in operation so please make sure that you follow this at all times.

Just to finish, as a year group, you were always recognised as an outstanding cohort, even by HGS standards and I am exceptionally proud of you all. You have navigated through unprecedented times and your experiences in so doing will make you an even stronger person. Thursday was always going to be a stressful day, but please rest assured we have lots of staff available, we have a plan for whatever happens, and as ever, you will be well looked after and supported.

My best wishes to you all



Peter Roberts

Headteacher