



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MLJ/LMS

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Dear parent/carer

Calculating predicted grades for UCAS

I am writing to you regarding the next phase of your child's education: applying to university.

As part of completing a university application in UCAS predicted grades need to be generated to give universities an indication of your child's capabilities and allow them to succeed at the institution they have selected.

The school policy regarding predicted grades

The school's policy is not to issue predicted grades based on what students would like to achieve or because of their promise to work harder to obtain it. Put simply, **a student will not achieve an unrealistic predicted grade.**

Neither is the school's policy to inflate predicted grades: this would have the impact of leading to a poorer correlation between predictions and outcomes, thus undermining the credibility of the process and would weaken the integrity of our estimates with many universities.

In addition, the school's approach is **never to revise down predicted grades once these have been issued to students.**

The school's approach is based on the principle that we wish students to achieve excellent A Level grades and progress successfully to their chosen university.

We have two ways that we calculate predicted grades depending on when your child applies to university both based on evidence of your child's performance to date.

- Early entry students
- January 2024 entry students

Early entry

This includes Oxford and Cambridge applications, music conservatoires, as well as anybody who goes down the medical route for Veterinary Science, Dentistry, or Doctor. The internal deadline for students submitting and paying for their UCAS application is **Friday 22 September 2023.**

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We will be using evidence in the mock grades in the summer to predict their grades and DC3 will be the basis for this information. This is going to be the **June mock examination grade inflated by one grade** where possible.

January entry students

This is any other course not mentioned above. The internal deadline for students submitting and paying for their UCAS application is **Friday 8 December 2023**.

The predicted grade for the January entry point is usually the **November mock add one grade** where possible.

If the student performs worse in the November mock than the June mock, we will calculate their predicted grade using an average of all data collection points then add one grade.

The calculation of predicted grades is evidence based and aims to be as generous as possible to assist your child in reaching the university institution of their choice.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mjen', with a small horizontal line above the 'j'.

Martine Jervis – Progression Leader