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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all of you on making it through an incredibly tough few years. There has been so much disruption over the course of your GCSE studies, and we have frequently marvelled at the way you have dealt with all of this and the resilience you have shown. It's a tremendous achievement, and we are very proud of you.

As you receive your GCSE results, we know that you may have many questions and that there are a lot of conflicting news reports and articles. However, we have always known that this year was a 'transition year' between the covid years, when assessments were made internally by schools and were significantly elevated, and 2019, the last year pre-covid, exams took place. As you will have seen on the news, national results in 2023 are overall, very close to 2019. However, our school results do not show this significant dip and are much more in line with 2022, indicating another exceptional year.

We always receive exam grades the day before they are issued to students and we have carefully reviewed your grades to check they reflect the work you have been exhibiting overall and what we were expecting for you. However, if you have any queries or concerns, please do speak to a member of staff and there is opportunity to formally request a review of your exam papers with the relevant exam board.

Finally, remember that you are more than a grade. The stoicism you have shown under such conditions is remarkable. You are all exceptional, inspiring, and talented young people and we couldn't be more proud of what you have achieved today and also the way you have developed in to responsible young adults.

And it all starts again in September in the sixth form. We are looking forward to welcoming the vast majority of you back into school, only this time with the freedom of wearing your own choice of clothes! However, if you are going to study somewhere new, we wish you the best of good fortune and do keep in touch.

Congratulations again on your achievements this week.

Yours faithfully

Peter Roberts

Headteacher