

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all of you on making it through an incredibly tough two years. A levels are internationally renowned for being very challenging qualifications and we hope you are pleased with your results today.

As you receive your A level results, we know that you may have many questions and that there are a lot of conflicting news reports and articles. From what we understand, as expected, the 2024 national results are very much in line with pre pandemic benchmarks, certainly in terms of the grade boundaries.

Lots of you will already have a firm and an insurance offer for a place at university or an apprenticeship. Universities knew how grading would work this summer and have made you an offer on what they think you can achieve. If you have met the terms of your offer, congratulations – go and celebrate. If you don't meet the conditions of your offer – don't panic. Many universities may still be able to offer you a place. Indeed, there are still thousands of courses available through UCAS Clearing. For some of you, you may have exceeded expectations and there may be opportunity to look at different universities/courses. In the first instance, you should speak to someone in the sixth form or careers team for advice. Please do remember, you need to act quickly, but do not rush in to making a decision you are not happy with.

Finally, remember that you are more than a grade. The resilience you have shown under challenging conditions is remarkable. You are all exceptional, inspiring, and talented young people and we couldn't be more proud of you.

Congratulations again on your achievements this week.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Roberts Headteacher