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15th July 2020

Dear Year 13

Yate Academy A Level Results Day - Summer 2020

I hope you are all safe and well during this time. Everyone at Yate Academy appreciates how difficult this time has been, especially for year 13, and we cannot wait to see you soon.

I am writing to confirm that A Level Results Day will be held on **Thursday 13th August 2020**. Due to government guidelines surrounding social distancing continuing, we will be inviting students and parents to collect their results at specified times.

Below are the times which have been scheduled in alphabetical order according to your surname.

Surname Letter	Time
A – D	08:30 – 09:15
E – K	09:30 – 10:15
L – Q	10:30 – 11:15
R - Z	11:30 – 12:15

A Level results can be collected by students at the front of the school. Parents will be directed through the side gate and will be shown to the back of the school where they can wait for their son/daughter.

We will have a number of staff on site including Mr Bolster and Mrs Lewis who will be talking through your next plans to ensure you are set up for the next phase of your education. Most of you who have applied to University will be told on the day whether you have been accepted onto your chosen course via a message from UCAS. If you have not been able to secure a University place we will be around to support you through the clearing system and help you pursue alternative route that you are happy with.

If you have not applied to University or have declined a place at University please bring evidence of your next steps – this could include:

- An acceptance letter/email for an Apprenticeship
- An acceptance letter/email for full time employment
- An acceptance letter/email for a college-based course

If you are hoping to defer entry to University you will need to show evidence of the University placement you have accepted.

Process for Awarding GCE A Level & Level 3 qualifications – Summer 2020

I also want to take this opportunity to explain the process that Yate Academy has followed using the guidelines set out by Ofqual and the exam boards, in calculating student grades and the ranking of all students within each grade. Until results are published in August, Yate Academy is unable to share both Centre Assessment Grades and rank order with students or parents.



The professional experience of teaching staff was deployed to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade they believe a student is most likely to have achieved had they sat their exams this year. Judgements were objective, ensuring that grading and ranking decisions for each student were based upon a holistic professional judgement which balanced different sources of evidence and data.

Step 1: For each student for each subject

- a. Teaching staff award a **Centre Assessment Grade** based on evidence from:
 - Progress review data
 - Classwork
 - Non-exam assessment work
 - Participation in performances (where applicable)
 - Homework
 - Mock exams
- b. Teaching staff award a **Ranking** of each student within each grade.
 - For example; if five students were awarded a Centre Assessment Grade 9, those five students would be ranked 1–5. Number 1 being most secure and 5 being least secure within that grade.

Step 2: Accuracy and Review of Centre Assessment Grades and Ranking

- a. Check for accuracy and review completed by the head of department/subject lead and the Senior Leadership team, which was undertaken in each subject area.
- b. Capturing and approval of this information was confirmed by the Head of Centre (Academy Principal) and Senior Leadership Team, ensuring that awarding body and Ofqual guidance in relation to the grading and ranking of students has been followed.
- c. Head of Centre declaration was signed and submitted to each awarding body.

Step 3: Exam boards standardise grades using statistical model developed by Ofqual

Statistical standardisation for each subject: *What results might the school or college be most likely to achieve given the following?*

- Previous national results in the subject
- The prior attainment of this year's students compared to previous years
- The school's results in recent years
- If grades are generous, they will be adjusted down
- If grades are severe, they will be adjusted up

I hope that you have an enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 13th August.

Yours faithfully

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