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Dear Year 11

Yate Academy GCSE 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 11, and we cannot wait to see you soon.

I am writing to confirm that GCSE Results Day will be held on **Thursday 20th 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

GCSE 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.

All students will have a Cotswold EDGE sixth form meeting on results day. Members of staff will be able to talk you through your next steps. We still have some availability in the sixth form, but spaces are filling up fast. When making this decision, some of the benefits to consider are;

- CEDGE provides an excellent, local post-16 education with a proven track record of offering the highest possible quality of teaching and learning to every student.
- As a Yate Academy student, all of the fantastic enrichment opportunities, study sessions, individual support, tutoring, personal and academic mentoring would be here on site; with highly skilled, experienced yet familiar teachers who can tailor individual support to your needs.
- Choosing to continue your sixth form study with us, gives you a consistent continuity that avoids unnecessary upheaval from the familiar.
- Because we already know you and have built that personal, professional relationship between us over many years, we are better placed to ease your transition onto level 3 study.

Process for Awarding GCSEs – 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 20th August.

Yours faithfully

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