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Dear Year 13 Parents/Carers and Students

Whilst A Level results day may be managed differently this year, our commitment to our students and our wish to share and celebrate their success remains the same. Please see below for details of how results day will be arranged this academic year and the support available to you all.

Results will be emailed to students' school email accounts at **8am on Thursday 13th August**, this is the earliest that school are permitted to release your results. For each subject you will receive notification of the final grade awarded to you by the examination board and the Centre Assessed Grade (CAG); the grade that was submitted to the exam board by the school.

On Thursday 13th August or Friday 14th August, you will also receive a telephone call from a member of staff to congratulate you and discuss any questions that you may have about your final results, your CAGs or your plans for September. Please also see the help sheet below which addresses some of the questions that you may have.

A team of staff will also be available from 8.30am until 3.30pm on Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Monday 17th August should you require any further assistance following your initial telephone call. We will be happy to help whatever the query.

Please also see the letter attached from Mrs Bushell which gives invaluable advice on things that you can do to prepare before results day, whatever your progression route.

Now the time has come for you to move on to pastures new, we wish you all the best for continued success in your future. We are incredibly proud of the maturity you have shown in what has been a very challenging time. We have missed sharing with you all of the usual celebrations that the end of Year 13 usually brings and that would have been just reward for all of your hard work and commitment to the school during your time with us. We will also miss seeing your smiles as you open your results, we would absolutely love to have a photograph of every single one of you proudly holding up your results letter. Please do take one and email to enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk, so that we can share that moment.

Yours sincerely

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Year 13 Results Day Help sheet

Might the Final Grade be different to the CAG?

Yes. It has been widely reported in the press that nationally some schools have submitted grades that seem optimistic compared to their previous exam results. What remains unclear at this stage though, is the extent to which the exam boards may moderate (change) the data. Therefore, final GCSE and A Level grades may vary slightly from the Centre Assessment Grade in some subjects.

What has the School done to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the CAGs we awarded?

Please be reassured that the system we used was extremely robust. The Senior Leadership Team implemented the exam board process with meticulous detail. The same is true of departments. Heads of Department were given thorough instructions and training about how to collect in the grades from their subject teams and spoke to all subject staff. Grades were collected in and scrutinised by the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that they were realistic and fair. The next stage of the process involved departments meeting again to discuss individual student rankings. Senior staff were involved in discussions with staff at every stage of the process where appropriate.

All grades and rankings were then uploaded to exam board websites as per national instructions. We then printed off the submitted data, which was then checked by the Senior Leadership Team and Exams Officer. Only then, was the data signed off as accurate and complete.

Will it be possible to come in and speak to someone about my results or progression routes?

We anticipate that most queries and questions can be addressed quickly and efficiently over the telephone without the need for students or parents to come into school. However, if you feel that a face to face meeting is necessary, please make this request when the member of staff calls you. You will only be able to come in to school if you have an agreed appointment. You will also need to bring with you a completed Covid-19 questionnaire document which will be emailed to you once the appointment time is agreed. Please do not come to the school without an appointment.

Can I appeal my final grade or CAG?

Ofqual and the exam boards are working to ensure that candidates are awarded a fair grade that recognises the work they have put in. If an A Level, AS level or GCSE student does not believe the correct process has been followed in their case, they will have access to a right of appeal on that basis.

Ofqual has consulted on the arrangements for these appeals and announced its decisions on 22 May. Schools and colleges can only appeal, on students' behalf, against the process or the use of data, not against teachers' use of their professional judgement.

In addition, if a student does not feel their grade reflects their ability, they will have the opportunity to take an exam in the autumn.

For more information, please follow the link to the Ofqual documents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exceptional-arrangements-for-exam-grading-and-assessment-in-2020>

Can I resit examinations in the Autumn term?

There will be a full series of GCSE examinations available in the autumn term which will run from Monday 5th October until Friday 23rd October. The examination boards will post timetables on their websites in due course.

When contemplating resits, we would urge all students to very carefully consider whether the outcome is likely to have any positive impact on their chosen progression route and how being out of school since March might affect their performance in the autumn exam series. The effect that studying for the autumn examinations might have on new degree courses, employment or apprenticeships should also be weighed up. School staff would be happy to discuss these issues on an individual basis over the phone.

The deadline for entry in to the autumn series of A Level examinations is Friday 4th September. If the decision is made to resit an exam in the autumn, students should request a Resit Request Form from Mrs Smith; the school's examination officer. This should be completed and returned no later than 4pm on Wednesday 2nd September. Mrs Smith can be contacted by email; Karen.Smith@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk.

Resitting an examination will incur an entry fee from the examination boards, the cost of which will need to be covered by the parents or carers of the applicant. Whilst the exam boards have not yet released information regarding fees, they have typically been of the order of £100 per subject. In the case of financial hardship, the school may be able to assist with this cost; requests for assistance should be made to Mrs Anderson and will be dealt with in confidence and on an individual basis.