

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the Government's announcement yesterday, I am pleased to confirm that teacher assessed grades will now be used to determine GCSE results for our Year 11 students, without a national 'standardisation' process which could have seen some students penalised, unfairly. We very much hope that our students and families will be reassured that this will mean that students receive grades, which accurately reflect their work and progress and which support their progression to post 16 education and beyond.

At the time that our teachers submitted estimated grades, we reviewed each student's classwork, assessment work and progress. Teachers approached the process with a great deal of care and thought and took into account a wide range of evidence. Students can expect therefore to receive grades which are similar to those they should be expecting: those that would have been suggested as likely outcomes through their reports, and in the feedback they were receiving from their teacher in class. Students should not expect to receive grades that give them 'the benefit of the doubt': teachers were not asked to do this by the exam boards and we followed their criteria very carefully, taking full account of each student's progress and achievement. In some cases, student grades may differ from those predicted earlier in the year because students made greater, or less progress in the Spring Term than teachers had previously expected.

At this stage, we expect that results will be shared with students, as planned, on Thursday. Should there be any further changes or developments we will keep students and families fully informed over coming days.

As you will know, our exam administration team and staff will be on hand via telephone on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August between 10am and 3pm (01736 753009) and via email at gcsereults2020@hayleacademy.net to provide further advice and support about progression to post 16 education or their exam grades. As yet, we have no information about this change in direction regarding implications for possible 'retake' exams in the Autumn, or about any appeals process. We will keep families fully informed as further information is shared by the Government.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely



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