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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing with details of the arrangements for A-level and GCSE results days this summer. Results days will take place on the following days:

- A-level and equivalent qualification results will be released on **Thursday, 13 August**
- GCSE and equivalent qualification results will be released on **Thursday, 20 August**

Due to the ongoing need for social distancing and avoidance of large gatherings as a result of COVID-19, these results days will run differently to previous years. Please read the following sections as to how these days, and the support offered subsequently, will be run this year.

How will results be given out?

In light of the COVID-19 guidance for schools, and in collaboration with other schools in the Red Kite Learning Trust, we have taken the difficult decision not to have students physically in school to receive their results. Instead, we will be providing results to students via their school e-mail addresses. Students who are unable to access these results by e-mail, or who require a physical copy of the statement of results, will be sent them in the post, but these will arrive the day after the published results day.

Whilst we understand that results days are a rite of passage and many students will feel disappointment at a physical results day not taking place, our first priority must be the safety of students and staff at this difficult time. Current guidance precludes students from arriving together or celebrating together and therefore, we have decided that an e-mail release of results is the safest method of providing results in a timely manner.

Unfortunately, to ensure the security of the students' data, we are only able to send the results to their school e-mail accounts, which students can access through the Student Portal under Quick Links on the school website (tmhs.co.uk). We are unable to send these to external e-mail addresses. In preparation for this, it is vitally important that all parents/students complete a short survey to indicate whether they would prefer the results by e-mail or post, and whether they still remember their school e-mail login details. This survey can be found by clicking [here](#).

How will the results that students receive have been awarded?

As you may have read in the media, this summer's examinations were unable to take place due to COVID-19. Schools were instructed by the Secretary of State to submit centre assessed grades and rankings of students to the exam boards. These grades were based on the wealth of information which teachers had about students, and extensive guidance was set out for schools to follow in making these



judgments. Temple Moor's staff have followed this guidance and very robust processes were used by department teams in arriving at their collective grades/rankings, alongside which was extensive quality assurance.

However, the grades that were submitted by the school will not necessarily reflect the final grades awarded by the awarding organisations (exam boards). The exam boards will collate each school's submission, and then apply an algorithm to the grades to adjust these in order to ensure validity between centres. This adjustment may result in the centre's grades being adjusted up or down, and the school has no further involvement in this, nor do we know how this will affect the grades awarded to individual students until the results are released on results day.

A letter, produced by OFQUAL, outlining these arrangements is also included with this letter. However, further details of these procedures can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>

How will students be supported after results day if there is not going to be a physical results day?

We are very aware that some students may have questions about the results and the transition to the next stages of their education, employment or training, and will therefore require support and additional guidance after receiving their results.

We are committed to offering the same level of support as would normally be the case and will therefore be offering the opportunity for students/parents to make appointments with leaders in school. Our intention is for these appointments to be made available for booking via the school's Parents' Evening app, with appointments being released on results day. Further details of this will be provided alongside the results in August.

I hope that this letter answers the initial questions you may have, and I will write to you again on results day, once we have a picture of how results have been awarded by the exam boards. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you all a very happy summer break.

Yours sincerely



Mr M West
Principal



A message for all GCSE, AS and A level students this summer

I understand how unsettling the past weeks have been for you, since the [announcement that exams have been cancelled this summer, and that you are urgently waiting for news](#). I wanted to let you know what we are doing to provide you with grades. Our over-riding aim in this is to be fair to students this summer and to make sure you are not disadvantaged in your progress to sixth form, college, university, apprenticeships, training or work because of these unprecedented conditions.

How will grades be calculated?

Your school or college will be asked to send exam boards two pieces of information for each of your subjects, based on what they know about your work and achievements:

- the grade they believe you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned
- within each subject, the order of students at your school or college, by performance, for each grade. This information will be used to standardise judgements – allowing fine tuning of the standard applied across schools and colleges

Your school or college will consider a range of things like your classwork and homework; your results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework you might have done; and your general progress during your course.

This information will allow us, with exam boards, to standardise grades across schools and colleges, to make sure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged because their schools or colleges are more generous or harsh than others when

making those judgements. That means the final grade you get could be different from the one your school or college sends to the exam board.

Do I need to complete any new work for my school/college to submit a grade?

Your school or college is not required to set additional mock exams or homework for your centre assessment grade, and you won't be disadvantaged if you were not set, or were unable to complete, any work given out after schools were closed.

Can I see the grades my school/college submits for me?

No, this information will be confidential. Please don't ask your teachers, or anyone else at your school or college, to tell you the grades they will be sending to the exam boards or where they have placed you in the order of students; they will not be allowed to share this with you.

I am a private candidate – what does this mean for me?

If you are a private candidate (for example, home-schooled, following distance-learning programmes or studying independently) the centre you are entering with should include you where the head teacher or principal is confident that they and their staff have seen sufficient evidence of your achievement to make an objective judgement. We are urgently exploring whether there are alternative options for those students who do not have an existing relationship with a centre and who need results this summer to progress. Unfortunately this is unlikely to be possible for all private candidates, some of whom may instead need to take exams in the autumn to get their grades.

We appreciate that this is a matter of real concern to private candidates and will provide an update as soon as possible. We have asked organisations that represent universities and FE colleges to consider the steps that providers could take when making admissions decisions this summer for any private candidates who do not receive a grade. They have told us that they believe that institutions will consider a range of other evidence and information for these students to allow them to progress wherever possible.

When will I get my results?

We're working hard to get results out as soon as is possible – results won't be delayed after the dates they were expected in August, and ideally they will be issued a little earlier, so you can have the certainty you need.

Can I take my exams another time?

We are working with exam boards to offer additional exams in the autumn term as soon as it is possible to do so. We'll let you know about these in the coming weeks.

The information we have published covers GCSEs, AS and A levels, plus Extended Project Qualifications and Additional Extension Awards in maths. You can find out more about which qualifications and students are included, and the current arrangements for those which are not, in our [detailed guidance](#); along with answers to other questions that you and your parents or carers might have. We will keep updating our guidance as new

information becomes available, including to share details about vocational and technical qualifications as soon as we can, so please keep an eye on our website.

Please be reassured that the grades you get this summer will look exactly the same as in previous years, and they will have equal status with universities, colleges and employers, to help you move forward in your lives as planned.

With every best wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Collier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

Sally Collier

Chief Regulator, Ofqual