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Dear Parents and Students

### GCSE Results 2021

As we approach results week, we wanted to update you on the process that is taking place for the awarding of GCSE grades this summer.

Students' results will be available from 9 am on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Students are very welcome to come into school to collect their results but please be reminded that social distancing will be in operation when inside the building. If parents wish to accompany students, we ask that you limit this to one parent per student. You can find your allotted time below:

Surname (Letters)	Collection time
A-F	9:00 am – 9:45 am
G-M	9:45 am – 10:30 am
N-Z	10:30 am – 11:15 am

Any students that do not collect results on GCSE Results Day may arrange collection early in the Autumn Term.

As you will know, due to COVID-19, no GCSE exams have taken place this summer. This means that grades will be directly awarded by Ofqual (the exams regulator) who will award grades based on teacher assessment that each school has submitted for every student in each of their relevant subjects. This teacher assessed grade is what subject teachers have judged, in their professional expertise and experience, would be the most likely grade each student would have received a GCSE exam in that subject.

Across the school, staff have worked very hard to be fair in their assessments of what grades they believe each student would have received. They have looked at a broad range of factors in making these decisions, including students' coursework, assessments, mock exams and other work that took place throughout the course. These have been quality assured by the Senior Leadership Team, checked and re-checked and then submitted to Ofqual. Across the country, each school has done this for every subject.

After 12<sup>th</sup> August, there will be a process in place for students who wish to know more details around their teacher-assessed grades or more about the appeals process. Students who would like this information are asked to email [examqueries@rrca.org.uk](mailto:examqueries@rrca.org.uk) after they have received their results.



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As you are aware students will have the opportunity to sit a GCSE exam in the Autumn Term if they wish to. This would be marked by the exam board and a grade awarded in January 2022. If these results give a higher grade than received in August, it will become the student's grade for that subject. You will receive more information on this process in your results day pack.

Once you have received your results on 12<sup>th</sup> August, students intending to stay on for our Sixth Form should speak to Mr Howarth either in person or by email at [Simon.Howarth@rrca.org.uk](mailto:Simon.Howarth@rrca.org.uk). We will be looking very carefully at every student who wants to join the Sixth Form, even if your GCSE grades are not as expected, all decisions will be made on an individual basis. We will be running a 6<sup>th</sup> form Recruitment Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August for any students considering Central Academy, who have not applied or would like to discuss their 6<sup>th</sup> form options further.

Everyone in the education sector – from government ministers to exam boards, your teachers and everyone at the Academy – realises that this way of awarding exam results this year is far from ideal. Our students have worked hard throughout their time with us, and we very much hope that each of them receives grades that they believe are fair and which help them move on successfully to the next stage of their education.

Staff across the school will of course be available to support students after 12<sup>th</sup> August in helping them make the right decisions and discussing with them their options following the awarding of the grades.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Howarth', written in a cursive style.

**Mr Howarth**  
**Assistant Principal**