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Dear Parents and Students

### A Level Results 2021

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

Students' results will be available from 9 am on Tuesday 10<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 (First letter)	Time for collection
A-L	9:00 am – 10:00 am
M-Z	10:00 am – 11:00 am

Please note that any student who do not collect results on results day can arrange collection in the autumn term.

As you will know, due to COVID-19, A-Level examinations have not 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 had they sat an A-Level 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 this assessment, including students' coursework, 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 10<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 an A-Level exam in the autumn term if they wish to. This would be marked by the exam board and a grade awarded in December 2021. 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.

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. 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.

We expect that universities across the country will be understanding about the predicament that some students may find themselves in if the grades they receive from Ofqual do not match their university offer. We know how important this is for each student's future and staff across the school will be available to support students in helping them make the right decisions, and discussing with them their options, following the awarding of their grades.

We will do everything we can to help students take up appropriate university places. However, every school across the country will be doing exactly the same so there is likely to be some disappointment, as indeed there is every year, as places on some courses may ultimately be limited.

We know how hard our students have worked across the year and we very much hope that this commitment will be successfully rewarded in their results.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Howarth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mr Howarth**  
**Director of Key Stage 5**