



Wednesday 19th August, 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ahead of results day tomorrow I wanted to send you a final update following a turbulent few days and a changing picture for schools and pupils.

As you know, I wrote to you yesterday to say that for each subject pupils were to be awarded the highest grade between their centre assessed grade or the grade awarded by Ofqual's algorithm; whichever of these grades was the highest would be the final awarded grade. There was some confusion as there was contradictory information as to whether or not pupils would receive their highest grade or simply their centre assessed grade on results day. I'm pleased to say that last night we received clarification that pupils would receive their final grade on results day meaning that pupils won't have the uncertainty of awaiting potentially different results next week. This, of course, means that pupils can proceed with securing college placements with a greater degree of certainty as of tomorrow.

I'm sure you will have heard and read a lot about centre assessed grades in recent weeks. These are the grades awarded to pupils by our school. To ensure the accuracy of these grades our school undertook a multi-layered process that included moderation at department and whole school level. We also worked closely in collaboration with our partner schools within The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT) to ensure consistency and that our own moderation processes were robust. Alongside this letter I have distributed a letter from TCAT that explains more about the process of how pupils were awarded centre assessed grades.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating the successes of our outstanding young people tomorrow and results day will go ahead as planned. All pupils have had their allotted time to collect results on Thursday sent to them by Mr Farrar. If you haven't received this or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via email exams@penkethhigh.org and a member of the senior team will get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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