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Dear Students/Parents/Carers

### Results Days 2020

I am writing to clarify the position regarding results this summer.

Results Days, this year, are on Thursday 13th August (A Level) and Thursday 20th August (GCSE). The organisation of both results days will inevitably be different. We must follow Government guidance and make sure that we are considerate of the health and wellbeing of staff and students. Therefore, having assessed the risk to staff, students, families and the wider community, we have taken the difficult decision that, for this year, our results days will be conducted remotely. This is not ideal and certainly not how I would have wanted things to be and means that students will receive their results via their school email as follows:

- Thursday 13th August 2020 – A Level results
- Thursday 20th August 2020 – GCSE results

A printed copy of results will also be posted to home addresses on this date, so will not arrive before either Friday 14th August 2020 for A Levels, or Friday 21st August 2020 for GCSEs.

**Students will need to know their school email log in detail to access their results.** If students have forgotten their log in details they can contact the ICT Team at [ictissues@beckfoot.org](mailto:ictissues@beckfoot.org).

As you know, the way that grades will be awarded this year is going to be different. We have already communicated this to you but felt it would be useful to reiterate this information to ensure any questions you have, are answered well in advance of results day.

### How is this year different?

At the request of the Government, all schools were asked by OFQUAL to send exam boards two pieces of information for each subject:

- The grade we believe students would most likely to get if exams had happened as planned (These are referred to as CAGs or Centre Assessed Grades)
- A ranked list of all students within each grade for each subject.

Every school was asked to consider a wide range of evidence to inform the grades submitted.

At Beckfoot, we completed this process by drawing on all the information we have including:

- Student performance over the course of study
- Progress review data
- Class and book work
- Performances
- Non-exam assessments
- Previous grades achieved
- 2019 AS results where applicable
- Mock results
- Previous centre results
- Performance of this cohort compared to last
- Any access arrangements



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This information was quality assured so grades were as accurate as possible.

OFQUAL will use this information to standardise grades across schools and colleges, to make sure that results are fair.

## **Results Day**

The results email will be sent out as close to 9:00am as possible.

For Year 13 students applying to University, UCAS have reassured schools that they will take this year's unusual situation into account when allocating places. We will have a team of staff available to deal with any queries on the day and contact should be either phone on 01274 771444 or via email to [examresults2020@beckfoot.org](mailto:examresults2020@beckfoot.org).

For Year 11 students, they will all be given the opportunity, should they need, to individually discuss options via a meeting with the 6th Form Team/Senior Leadership Team/Careers Team. Any queries on the day should be made either phone on 01274 771444 or via email to [examresults2020@beckfoot.org](mailto:examresults2020@beckfoot.org).

Please note, the inbox to the above email address will not be manned before 13th August 2020.

## **Understanding the appeals process.**

OFQUAL have made it clear: if a student is dissatisfied with the grade that they have been awarded this is NOT grounds for an appeal. Appeals can only be made if a student and the school suspect a technical/administrative error.

The advice from OFQUAL for students who feel they could have performed better is to prepare for, and then sit the examination when they are offered in the Autumn Term. Individual students can speak with appropriate teaching staff about this.

## **A final reassurance and note about CAG**

A small minority may also feel that we should share CAGs on results day. It is our view that sharing CAGs, on results day, would not be helpful.

For those who would like to see their CAGs, you can request them using our CAG request form. Students must request these (not parents). We plan to release the CAGs (to those who request them) a week or so after results day. However, if for any reason you need this information more quickly, we will do our utmost to support any such request. Please note that we cannot release the CAGs or ranking, under any circumstances, before results day.

I hope that you have found this useful and it has answered any questions you may have around results day.

For now, have a restful, happy and safe summer.

Yours sincerely



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