



# Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing with information about the generation of Centrally Assessed Grades at Tring School and the GCSE Results Day on 20 August 2020.

## Centrally Assessed Grades

We were asked by the government to use our professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade we believed a student would have achieved in each subject, had they sat their exams this summer.

To generate our Centrally Assessed Grades the same process was followed for every subject. Throughout the two year course, all assessment grades have been recorded centrally in an electronic mark book. These included the end of Y10 exams, formal classroom assessments, Y11 mocks and any completed NEA work. A most likely grade was generated centrally using the information collated; teachers then reviewed and appealed the grade with evidence.

Our Subject Leaders supported their teams in this process, then met with our CEO, Head of School and Deputy Headteacher (two of the three were represented in each meeting to ensure consistency in the process).

In this meeting, every student was discussed and the evidence supplied by teachers and Subject Leaders was carefully scrutinised. Once these meetings were completed our Subject Leaders worked with their teachers to put the students into a rank order for each subject.

We did not compare or adjust our Centrally Assessed Grades data in relation to last year's data, as this would not have been fair on the current Y11 cohort; they are individuals and they deserve accurate, personalised grades. The exam boards will standardise the grades that we have submitted. They will consider historical Tring School outcomes, the KS2 prior attainment data of our Y11 cohort and the expected national grade distribution for each subject given the prior attainment of the national entry. The rank order that we sent will not be changed but the final grade awarded could be different to our Centrally Assessed Grades.

If students feel that their final grades do not reflect their ability in a subject, they will have the opportunity to take the exam in the autumn 2020 or summer 2021 series. They will be allowed to use the higher of the two grades for future progression. Students will apply for these exams through Tring School, the deadline for

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applications is 4th October 2020 (English Language and Maths) and 18th September 2020 (all other qualifications). There may be a cost to sit these exams; we are still waiting for full details from the exam boards and will be able to share all information post Results Day.

As a school, we will be able to appeal grades if we believe that an administrative error has been made by us or the awarding body.

Tring School students who had applied to Sixth Form were provided with the opportunity to sit an Internal Assessment in June, to demonstrate their level of achievement in order to secure a place into our Sixth Form. The highest grade between the Internal Assessment and the final GCSE grade awarded will be counted for internal purposes. Results for any official examination sat will not be available until February 2021 and therefore, will not be able to be considered for entry into Sixth Form 2020.

### **Results Day**

Results Day is on Thursday 20 August, results will be available in school from 8.30 am. To ensure that we comply with the current social distancing guidelines and to avoid unnecessary congestion in the Desborough Hall, we plan to release results house by house; Ascott at 8.30am, Claydon at 8.45am, Halton at 9.00am and Waddesdon at 9.15am. We also ask that parents wait in the playground outside the Desborough Hall, whilst students go into the hall to collect their results.

Support from staff will be available on Thursday all day and Friday morning for students and parents, to discuss any issues with Sixth Form entrance criteria. If students have not met the entrance criteria for their course, they will need to sign up on the sheets available in the Sixth Form centre for an appointment with a member of the Sixth Form or Leadership team.

We are looking forward to meeting with our Year 11 students to celebrate their achievements together. We would like to make this day special for all of the students; the end of KS4 has been so disrupted but they deserve to gather together on Results Day and feel very proud of all of their achievements since joining Tring School.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to celebrating together on 20 August 2020.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Headteacher