



# 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 A Level Results Day on 13 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 Year 12 exams, formal classroom assessments, Year 13 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). Mrs Kay, Head of Sixth Form was also present at these meetings.

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 Year 13 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 KS4 prior attainment data of our Year 13 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

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not be able to return to Tring School as Year 14 students, if they wish to sit these exams they will need to prepare independently. Students will apply for these exams through Tring School, the deadline for applications is 4th September 2020. 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.

## **Results Day**

Results Day is on Thursday 13 August; results will be available in school from 8.30 am. To ensure that we comply with the current social distancing guidelines, we ask that parents wait in the playground outside the Desborough Hall, whilst students go to the Desborough Hall to collect their results.

We are looking forward to meeting with our Year 13 students to celebrate their achievements together. We want to make this day special for all of the students; the end of KS5 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. The Sixth Form team will be on hand to support students with advice and guidance in terms of their next steps, including support with the clearing process. We encourage students to ensure parents are included as a nominated access on their UCAS account as, should they find themselves in clearing, it is helpful for parents to be able to also communicate with universities as well as students. Should students have any questions regarding UCAS in advance of Results Day, please contact Mrs Beck, our UCAS Coordinator: [cbeck@tringschool.org](mailto:cbeck@tringschool.org)

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to celebrating together on 13 August 2020.

Yours faithfully,

Ruth Georgiades  
Deputy Headteacher