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Dear students, parents and carers,

**Re: A-Level Examination Results – August 2022**

Congratulations to all of you on making it through an incredibly tough two years. Many of you were unable to sit GCSEs in 2020 and so this summer's exams were the first external assessments you took. It's a tremendous achievement, and we are very proud of you.

As you receive your A level results this week, we know that you have many questions and that there are a lot of conflicting news reports and articles about what may happen.

We have always known that this year was a 'transition year' between 2021 (when assessment was done directly by schools and colleges) and 2019 (the last year exams took place). This means that overall grades will be about halfway between the two nationally.

It does not mean that marking was harsher – the marking was done by exam boards in the usual way. Instead, it means that when setting the grade boundaries, exam boards have been more generous than in a normal year to bring grades closer to 2021 levels. Marking and grading are done at a national level, with all students across the country being treated the same way.

Lots of you will already have a firm or an insurance offer for a place at university or an apprenticeship. Universities knew how grading would work this summer and have made you an offer on what they think you can achieve.

If you don't meet the conditions of your offer – don't panic. Many universities may still be able to offer you your place. If not, there are still thousands of courses available through UCAS Clearing. In the first instance, you should speak to Ms Greenwood and the 16+ team who are here to help you, either in school or via Teams/ email.

Finally, remember that you are more than a grade. The resilience you have shown under such conditions is remarkable. You are all exceptional, inspiring, and talented young people and we couldn't be prouder of you. Congratulations again on your achievements this week.

Yours faithfully,



Clare Cross

Principal