



The Winston Churchill School

Headteacher: Zoë Johnson-Walker

12th August 2021

Dear Student,

Re: Results and moving forward

Enclosed are your examination results, awarded by each of the Examination Boards; these are the grades that will appear on your certificates. In this unusually challenging time, I trust you achieved the grades which will take you forward into the next stage of your life.

The circumstances surrounding these examination results are very different to previous years using recent and relevant evidence common to all students.

- The grades submitted to the exam boards were agreed following an internal quality assurance process and by using FFT validation and were not the sole responsibility of any individual teacher.
- **AQA requested files of evidence for both GCSE English and GCSE RE**, as part of the quality assurance process, agreeing that the evidence in the files accurately represented the grades awarded and were in line with those across other schools and with the examination boards criteria.
- The standardisation process applied by the exam boards ensures grades awarded this year are consistent with those awarded to other cohorts in other years.
- This was the fairest possible approach available under extreme circumstances. It is a rigorous process which means that grades awarded this year are as valid as in any other year.

I have attached a copy of the procedure followed by the school, using mark-based assessments of student assignments and exams, in each subject, to reduce the risk of unconscious bias. This approach was approved by the Awarding Bodies, the Governing Body and Ofqual.

If you are considering an appeal remember that:

- Your work cannot be remarked
- You can only appeal the process followed by the school
- Your grade can go down, stay the same or go up
- There are no priority appeals for GCSEs

All the information regarding the Appeals process is on our website and on Frog.

To discuss the option of taking a GCSE examination again please wait until Wednesday 1st September, at which time I would ask you to initially contact Mrs Armstrong l.armstrong@wcsc.org.uk or by phoning 01483 485289 who will be happy to help you. However, I must point out that there is a deadline for entries which we have to adhere to, so we would ask you to complete the Examination Entry Form and then make the appropriate payment, via Scopay by **7th September 2021**.

We will not accept entries for English or Maths if you have achieved a grade of a 3 or below, as these are being managed by the colleges or training provider. The charges for the entries represent the cost paid to the examination board and a small admin fee, which in no way will cover all the costs that will be incurred by the school.



There will be a section on our website which I suggest you look at: www.wcsc.org.uk click on Information, then click on Exams. As yet there is limited information regarding resits, therefore, it is likely that you will have to wait until the details are published.

Your coursework can be collected from 2nd December 2021, but not before. Please contact the Heads of Department to arrange for coursework to be available for collection from reception.

With best wishes for your future.

Zoe Johnson-Walker
Head Teacher