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Dear Parents and Year 13 students

As we approach the end of the summer term, I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for A-level results this year. A-level results will be issued directly to students via UVHS student email accounts from 8am on Thursday, 13th August. Students DO NOT come into school to collect their exam results as in previous years. I have already ensured that your son/daughter has successfully logged onto their school email account recently to check they can access these. Over the last few months I have also been regularly updating Year 13 students through a mixture of e-mail, phone calls and posting on Year 13 TEAMS.

For those students who have applied to University their individual UCAS Track should update from 8am on the morning of results day. Students will therefore be able to check whether they have been offered a place at either their firm or insurance choice. In terms of support, priority on results day will be given to those students who need advice and guidance directly linked to University entry. This may be students who have not achieved the grades required to take up their firm or insurance choice offer at university and so wish to use Clearing or students who have achieved the required grades but are having second thoughts about choice of University or course. In the first instance please contact the sixth form support team on email6thformteam@uvhs.uk and we will make contact as soon as possible.

We hope the vast majority of students will be happy with their results but students who feel that their grades from the summer do not reflect their ability will have the opportunity to take their exams in October. If they choose to do this, students will be able to use the higher of the two grades for future progression. Ofqual have yet to release information on the costs of Autumn examinations and whether candidates themselves will have to cover these costs. We will share further information as soon as this is announced.

If you have any general enquiries please e-mail email6thformteam@uvhs.uk and one of the sixth form team will respond. Please note that we may not be able to respond immediately as we will have to prioritise those students with a university place at stake on the day. For those students who require more general careers advice then Mr Ridyard our post 16 careers advisor will also be available to contact at mri@uvhs.uk

When the cancellation of the 2020 exams was announced, Ofqual asked school to submit Centre Assessed Grades and therefore the grading process this year has been like no other year. These have indeed been unprecedented times. However at UVHS we know that our teachers know their students well and we are confident that there has been a high degree of accuracy in submitting grades. We initiated a rigorous and robust internal quality assurance process to ensure this process was accurate. The information below will help you to understand how we arrived at Centre Assessed Grades.

The process for awarding grades this summer has involved two key steps. For step one each school or college established and submitted a centre assessed grade and rank order for each student in each subject. During step two the exam boards have standardised grades using a statistical model developed with Ofqual. An infographic about the external exam board standardisation methodology can be found in the exam section of our school website <https://www.uvhs.uk/exams>



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To ensure fairness and consistency all subjects at UVHS followed the same procedure to agree centre assessed grades and rank orders before submission.

- Subject leaders and teachers identified the evidence available for the performance of each student. Examples of this included classwork, homework, mock exams, end of topic tests and any non-exam assessment work.
- Teachers suggested a grade and rank order for each class and then departments met online to rank order the entire cohort for that subject and come to a shared view of the standard being applied.
- An internal quality assurance was carried out to compare the grades between different subject areas and to previous cohorts of UVHS students.
- External moderation was then used to compare the grades to national performance data based on the prior attainment of our students and the previous performance of the subjects at UVHS.
- After our own internal and external standardisation was complete small adjustments were made, up or down, before the grades and rank orders were submitted to the exam boards.

Please see the following links to Ofqual information which you may also find helpful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=fRTyGmUJlrw&feature=youtu.be>

<https://analytics.ofqual.gov.uk/#summer2020>

Whilst parents will wish to discuss the issue of taking examinations with their son/daughter, if a student wishes to sit any examinations then they must return a signed copy of their examination results with the subjects they wish to take highlighted. This must be signed by the student, not a parent. This can be emailed directly to exams@uvhs.uk or handed into UVHS reception. If emailed to school, this must be sent from the students email account.

If after reading the information on results for summer 2020, a student still has concerns about a grade they have been awarded they can ask UVHS to check whether an error was made when submitting the centre assessed grade. A student can also raise a complaint if they feel they have evidence of bias or that they have suffered from discrimination using school's normal complaints procedures or by contacting the relevant exam boards.

Students or their parents can contact the National Careers Service on their helpline 088 100 900 to speak to a qualified careers adviser and there will be on-going support on their website - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>. In addition Inspira are offering 1-1 appointments and general guidance. www.inspira.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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